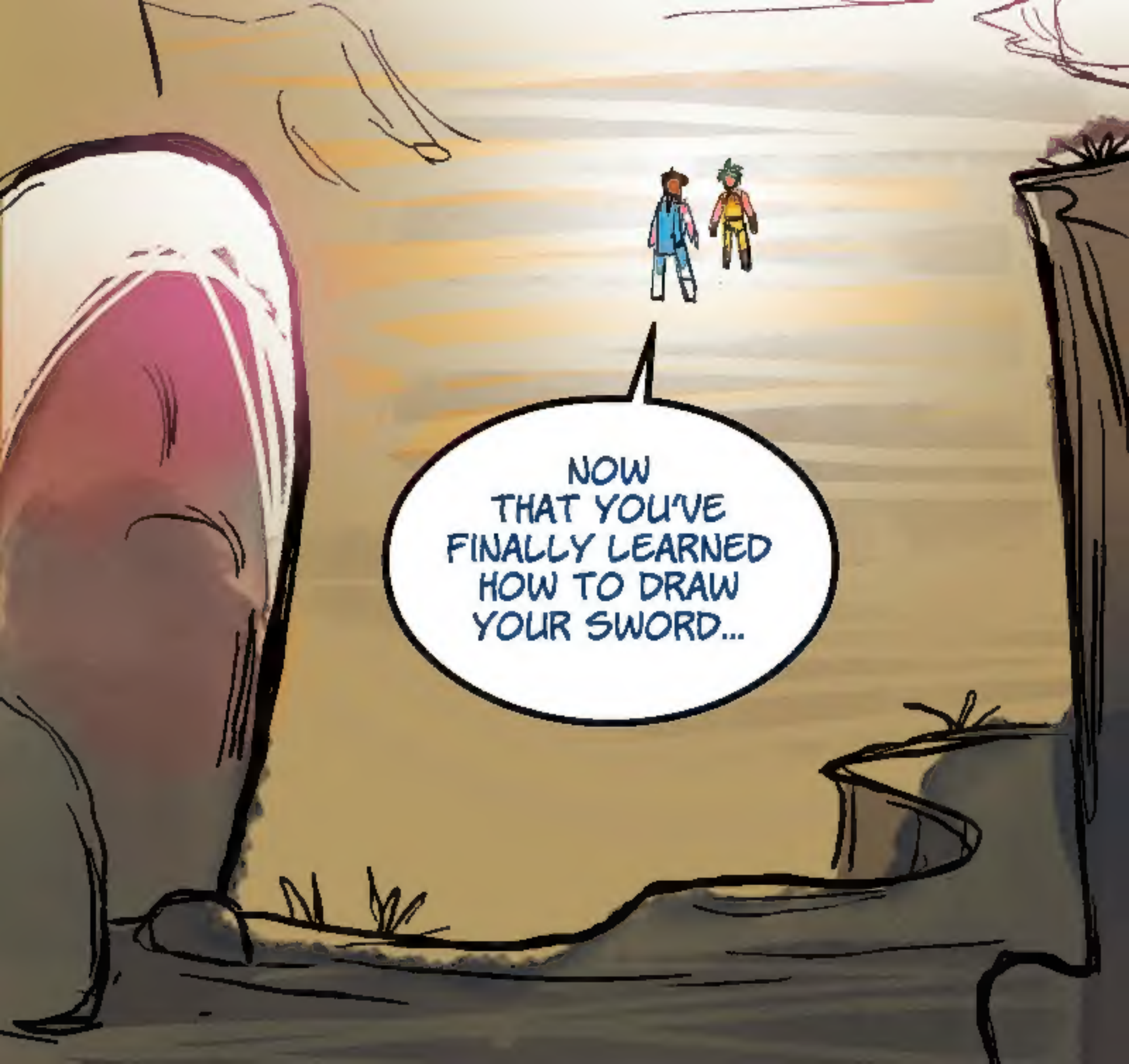
NOW THAT YOU'VE FINALLY LEARNED HOW TO DRAW YOUR SWORD...

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT.
ZOOOOM!
HOLD ON... YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT

WITH ONLY HALF OF A SWORD?!

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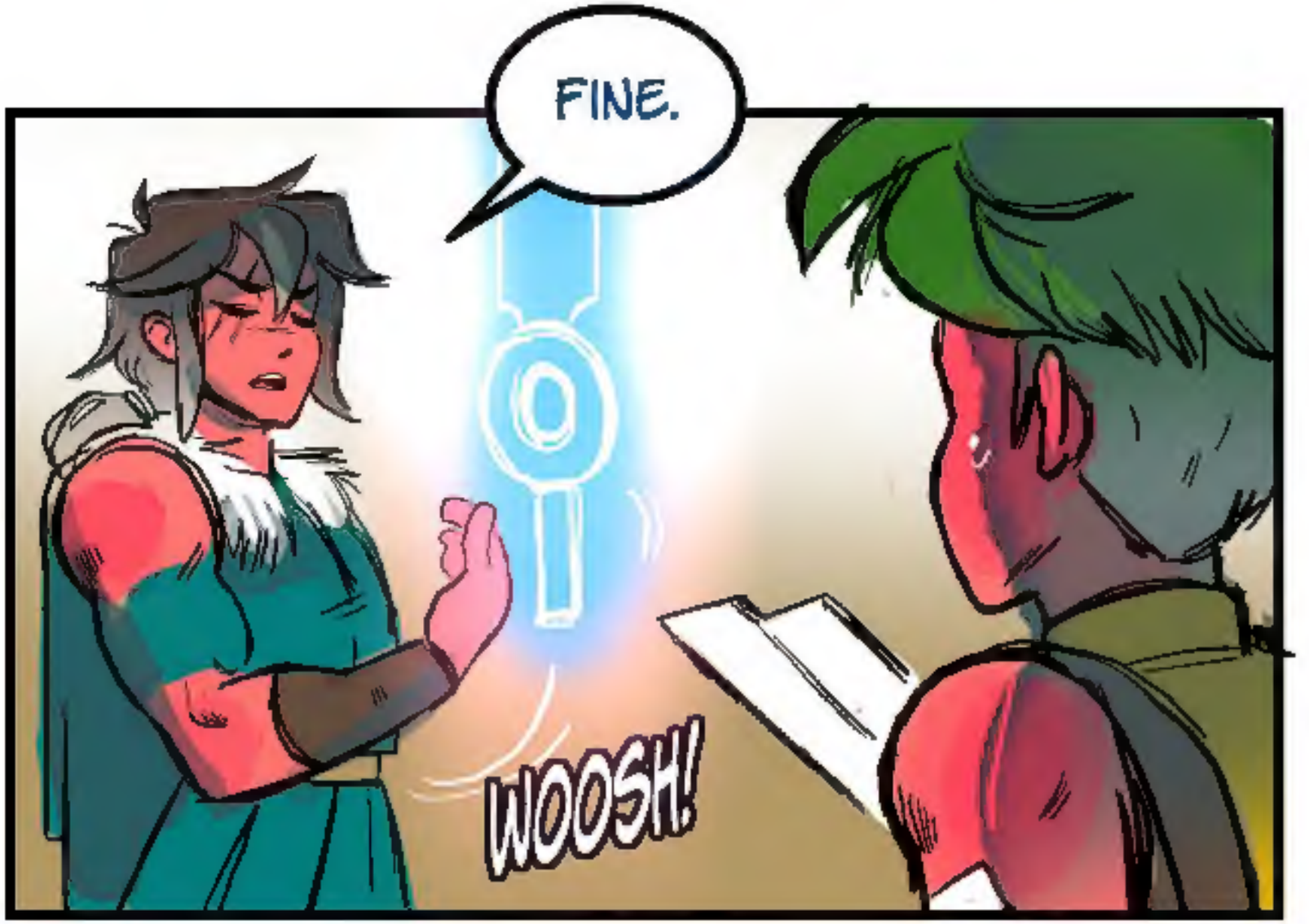
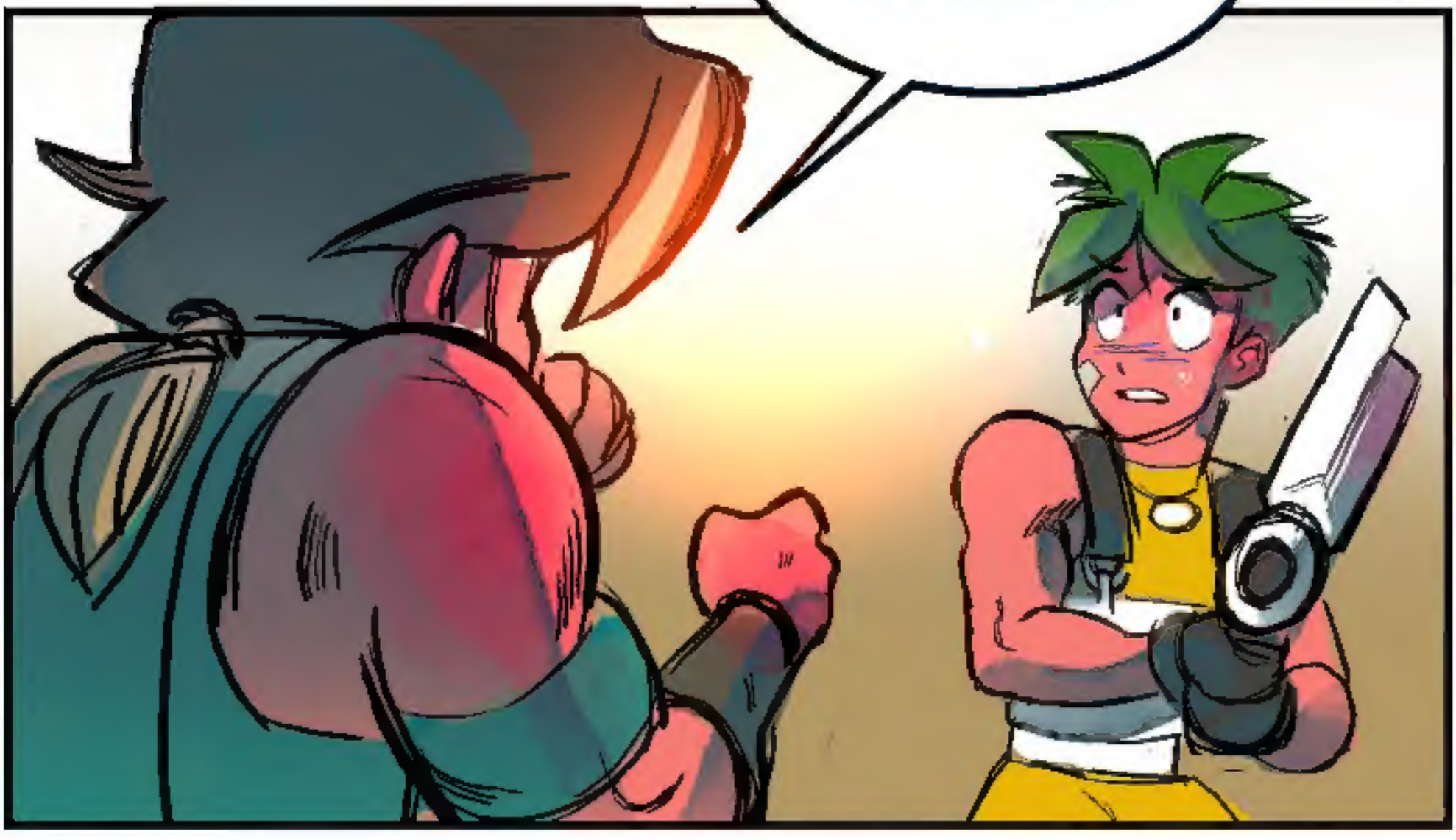
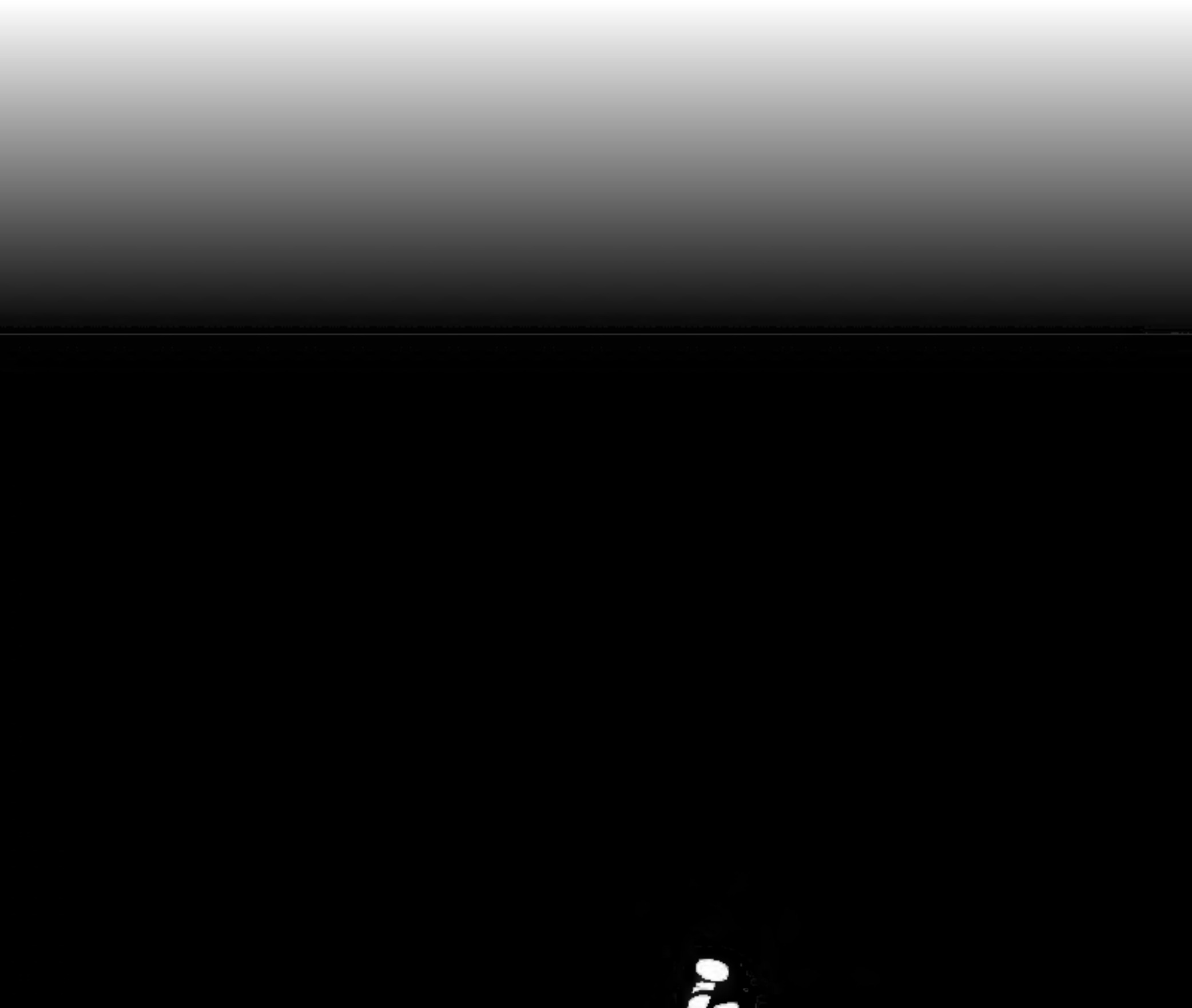

FINE.
WOOSH!

NOW SHOW ME WHAT


YOU'VE GOT!



CHAPTER 34

"I'M BUT A HOLOGRAM"

I DON'T THINK THIS IS SUCH A GOOD IDEA...
CAN'T WE JUST FIND SOME MORE MONSTERS FOR ME TO FIGHT?

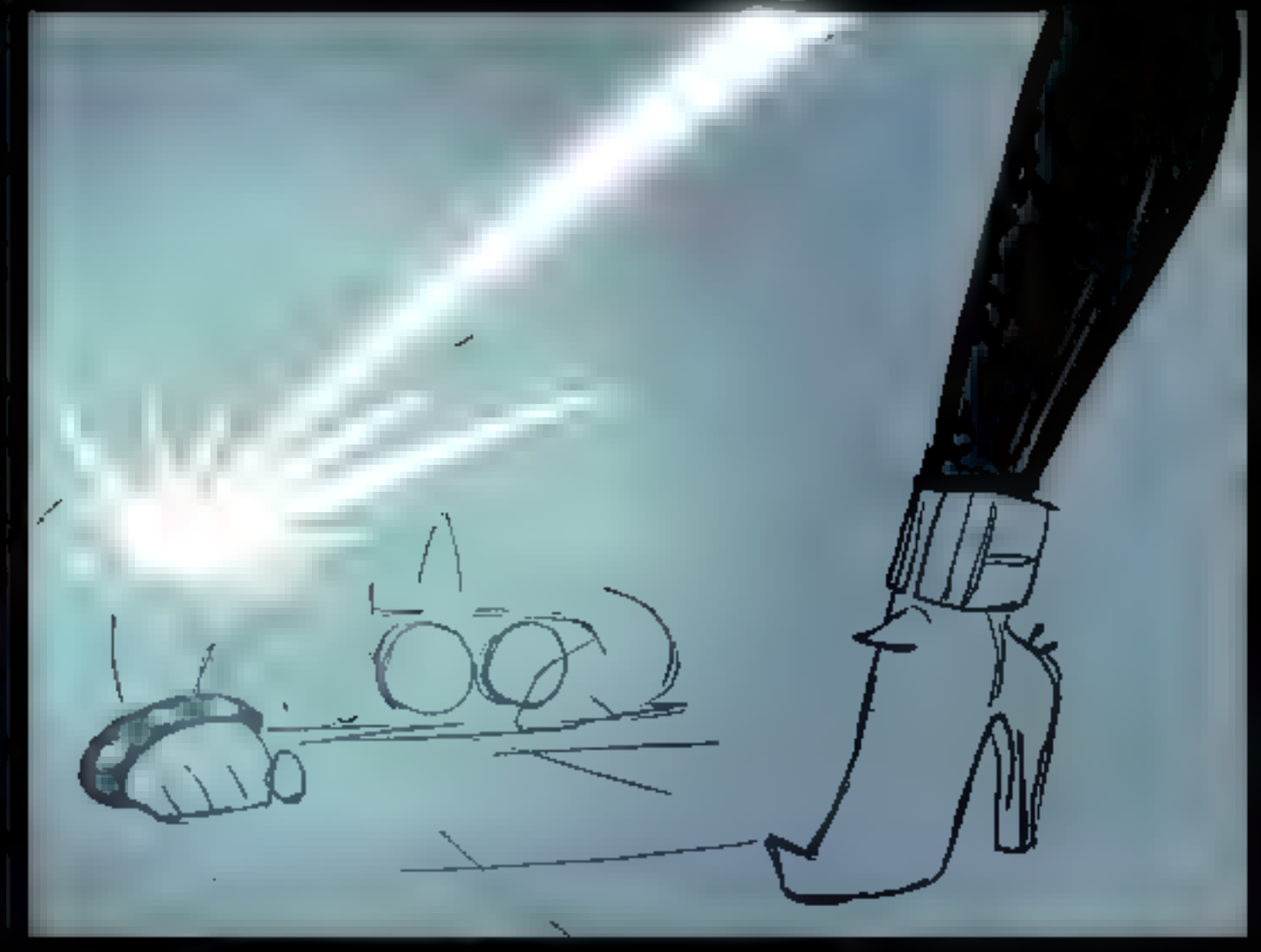
NICE TRY, BUT YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDS TO GET SOME EXERCISE!

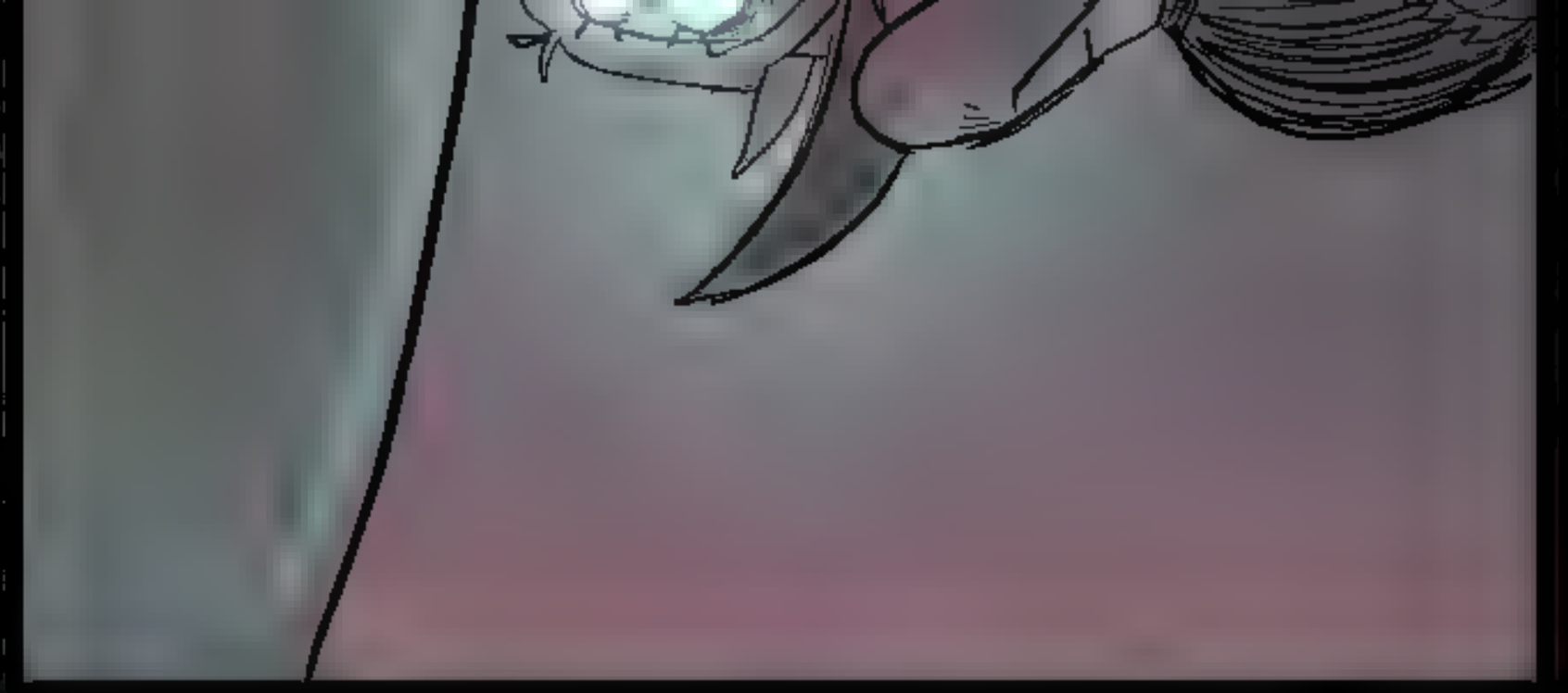
I USED MY BREAKING POINT IN THE LAST VOYAGE. I NEED TO FIGHT TO POWER UP AGAIN.
WOOSH!

AND IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR YOU TO GET YOURS READY TOO.
KICK!

ACK!
THUD!
MINE? YOU

MEAN I CAN DO
THAT TRANFORMATION
THING TOO??





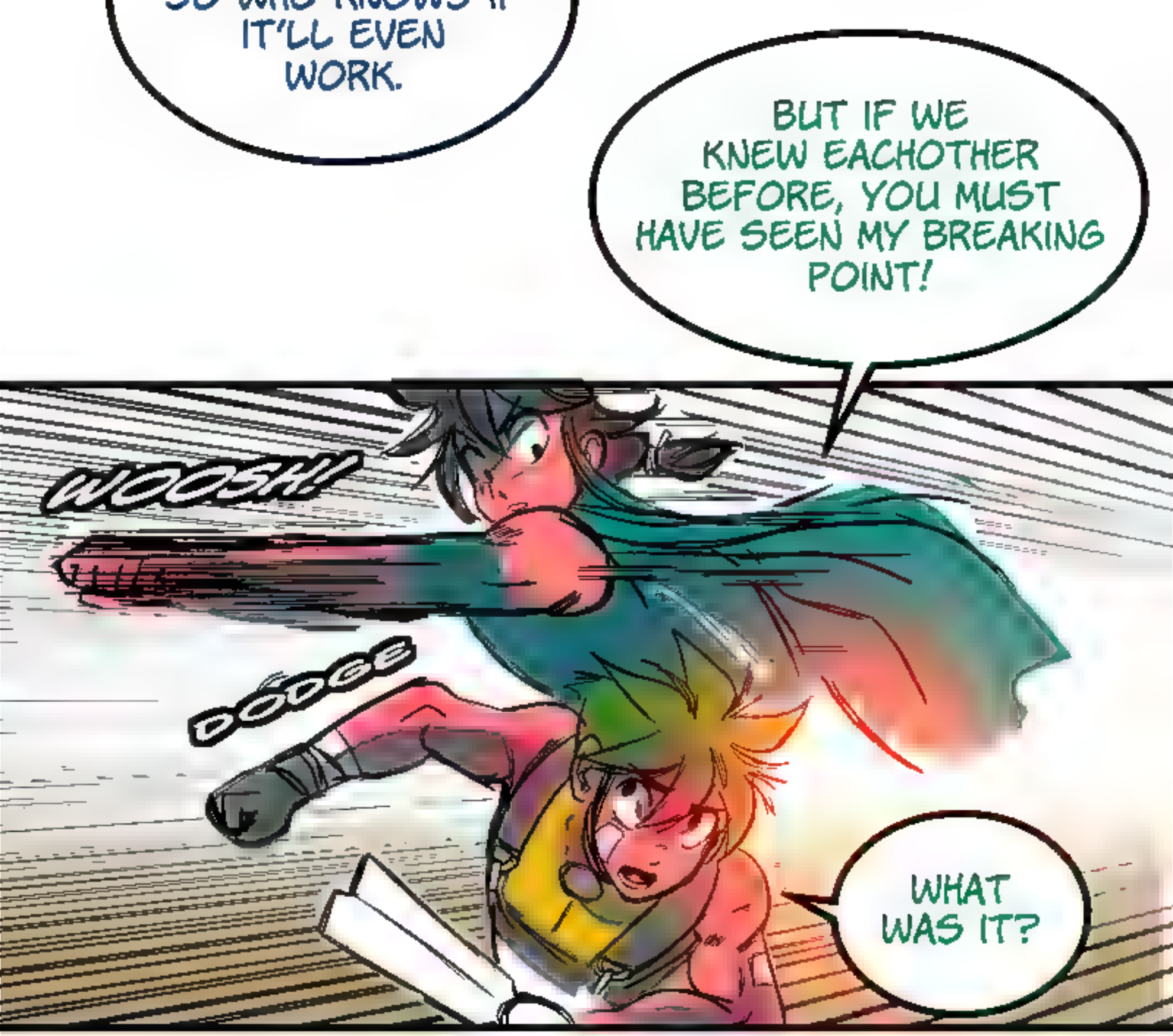
DON'T

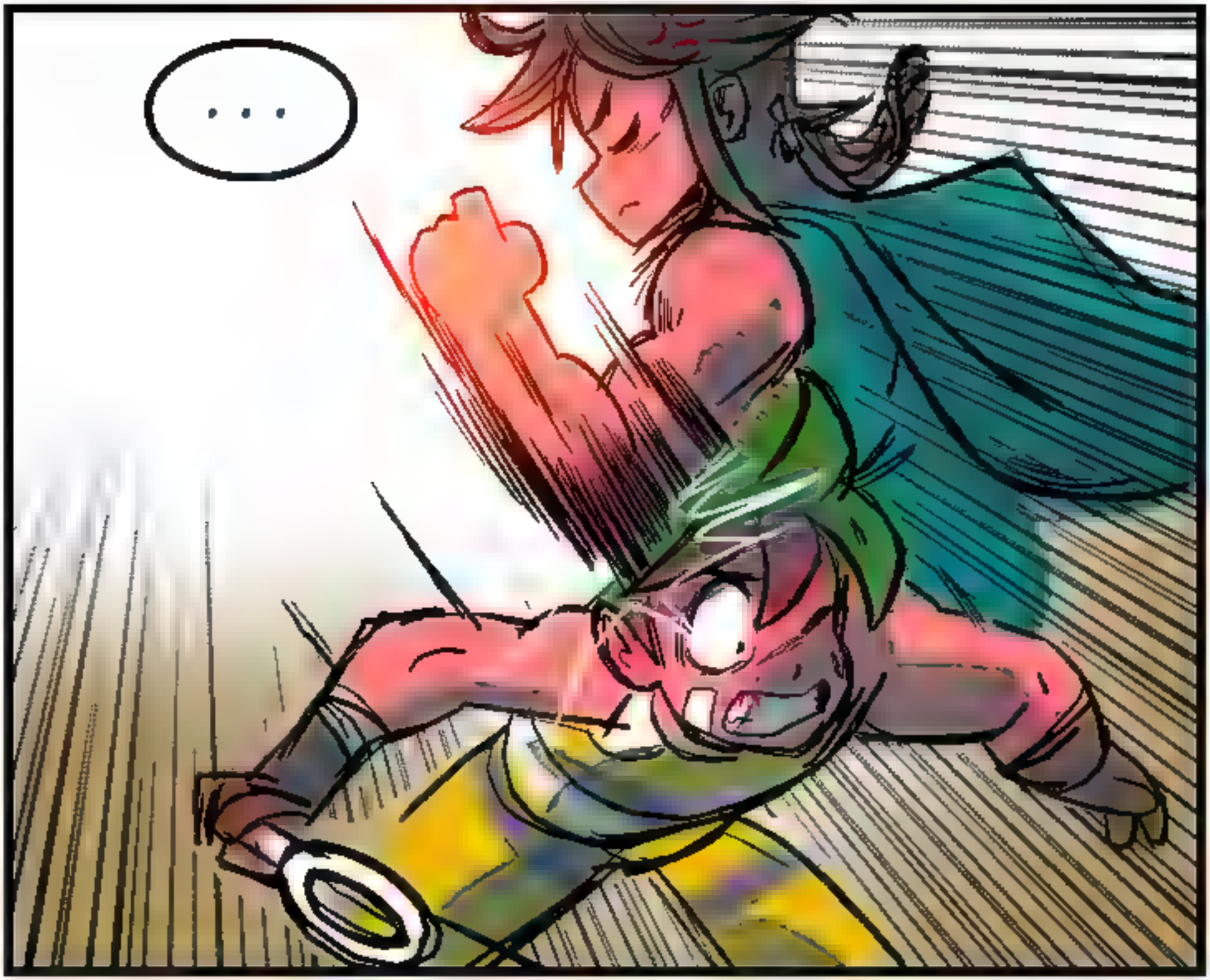
WORRY, EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN BREAKING POINT.

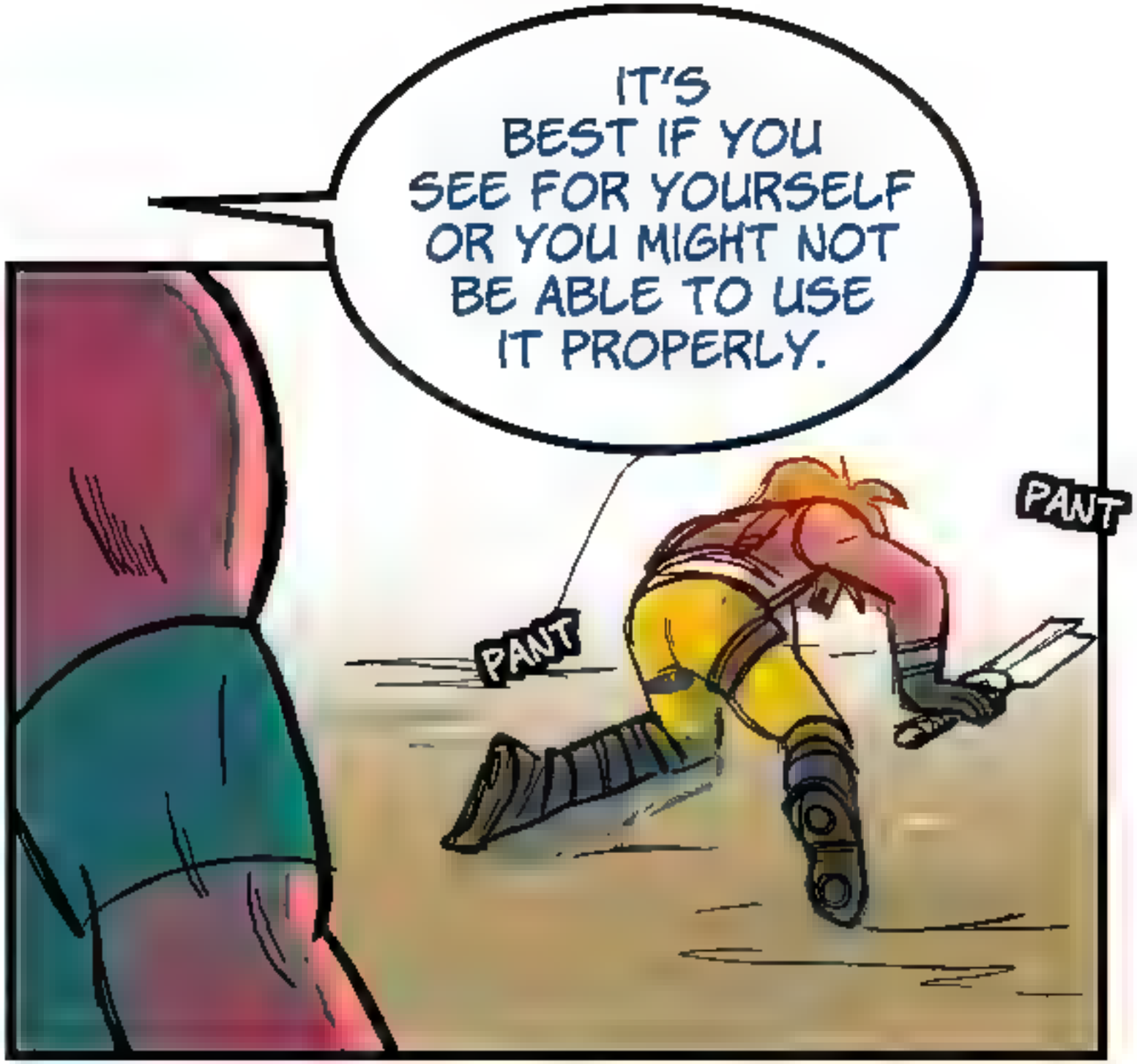
IT'S THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF YOUR UNIQUE ABILITIES.

WAIT, SO IT COULD BE SOMETHING EVEN WORSE AND I WON'T KNOW UNTIL IT HAPPENS?!

DON'T OVERTHINK IT. IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU HAVE A SWORD, ANYWAY
AND YOURS IS STILL BROKEN, SO WHO KNOWS IF

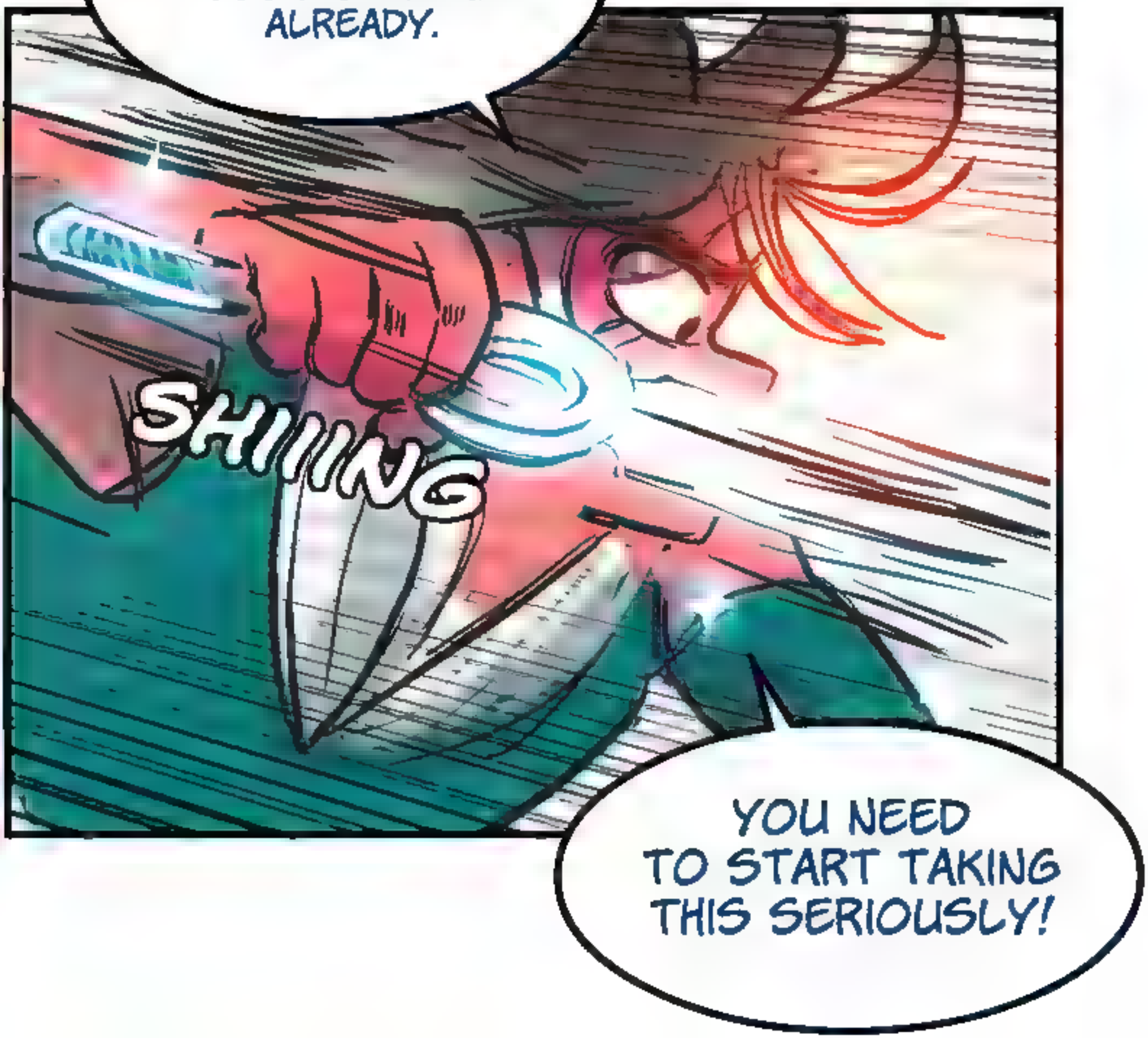

IT'LL EVEN WORK.
BUT IF WE KNEW EACHOTHER BEFORE, YOU MUST HAVE SEEN MY BREAKING POINT!
WOOSH!
DODGE
WHAT WAS IT?

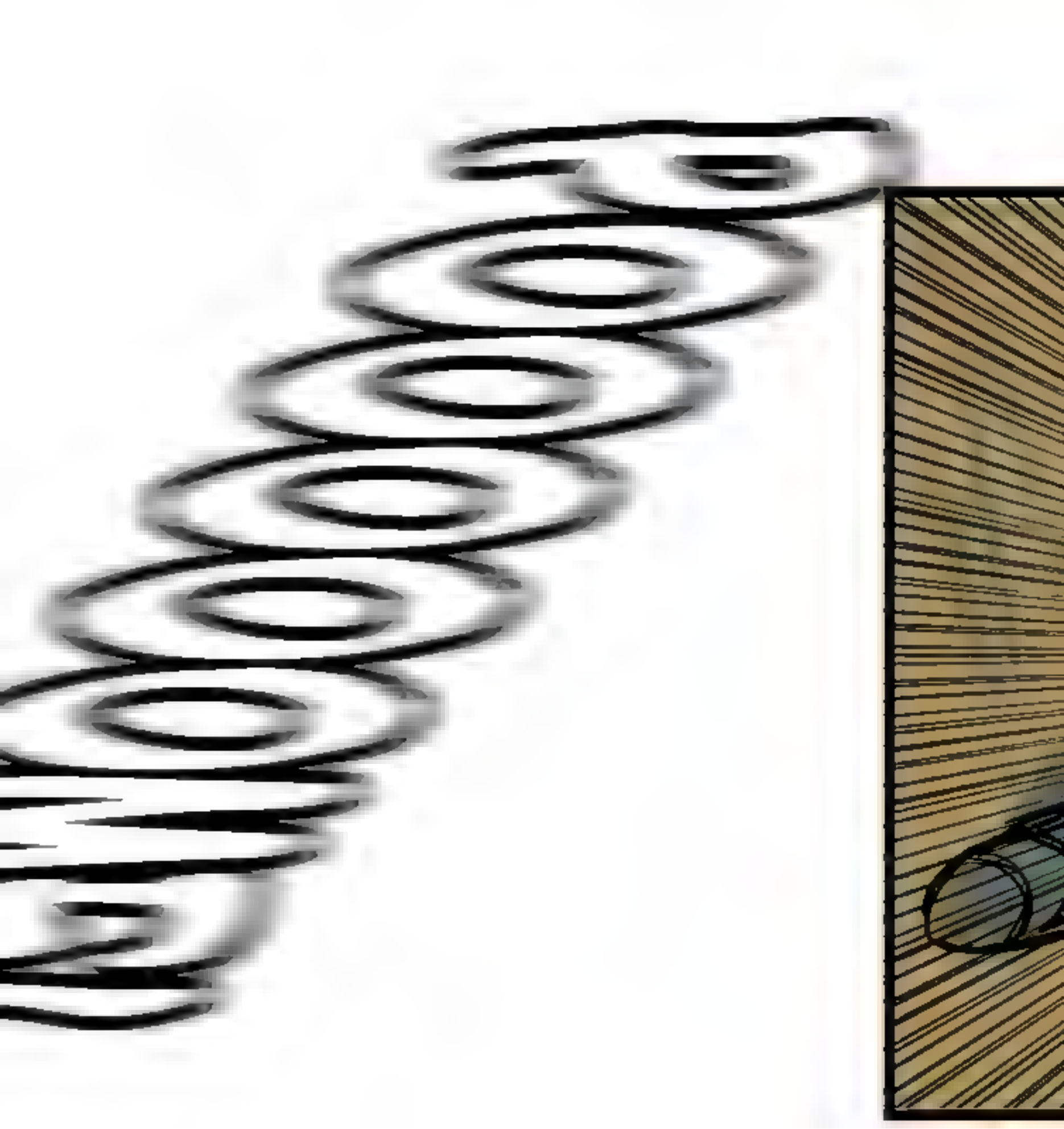


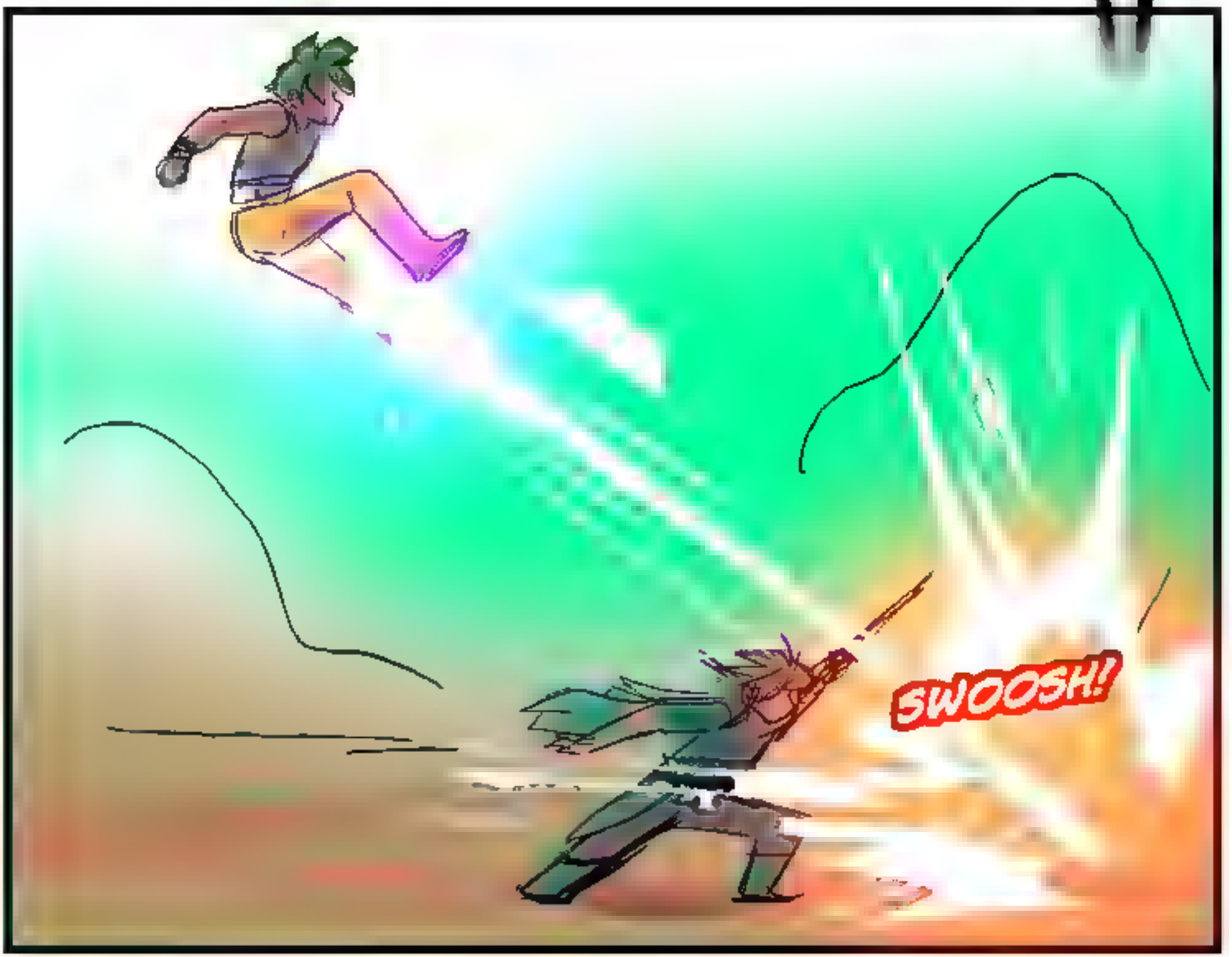


THAT'S TWICE THAT I'VE

IF I WERE A REAL ENEMY,


YOU'D BE DEAD ALREADY.
SHIING
YOU NEED TO START TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!




SWOOSH!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT. YOU HAVE MORE UP YOUR SLEEVES THAN A SWORD.
HUFF
HUFF
THAT'S

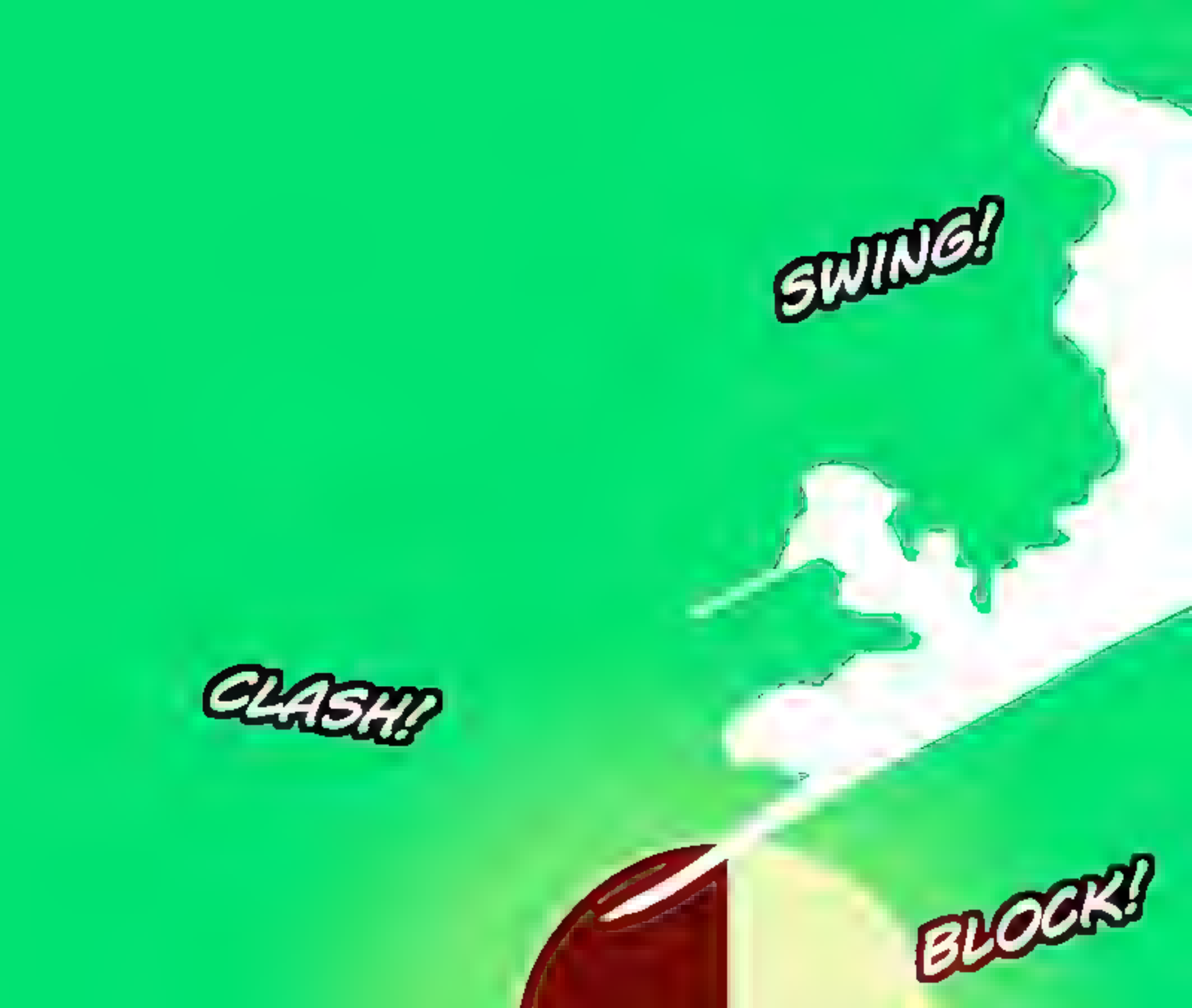
NOT FAIR! YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T USE YOUR WEAPON!

FIGHTS ARE NEVER FAIR WHEN LIVES ARE ON THE LINE, KID.

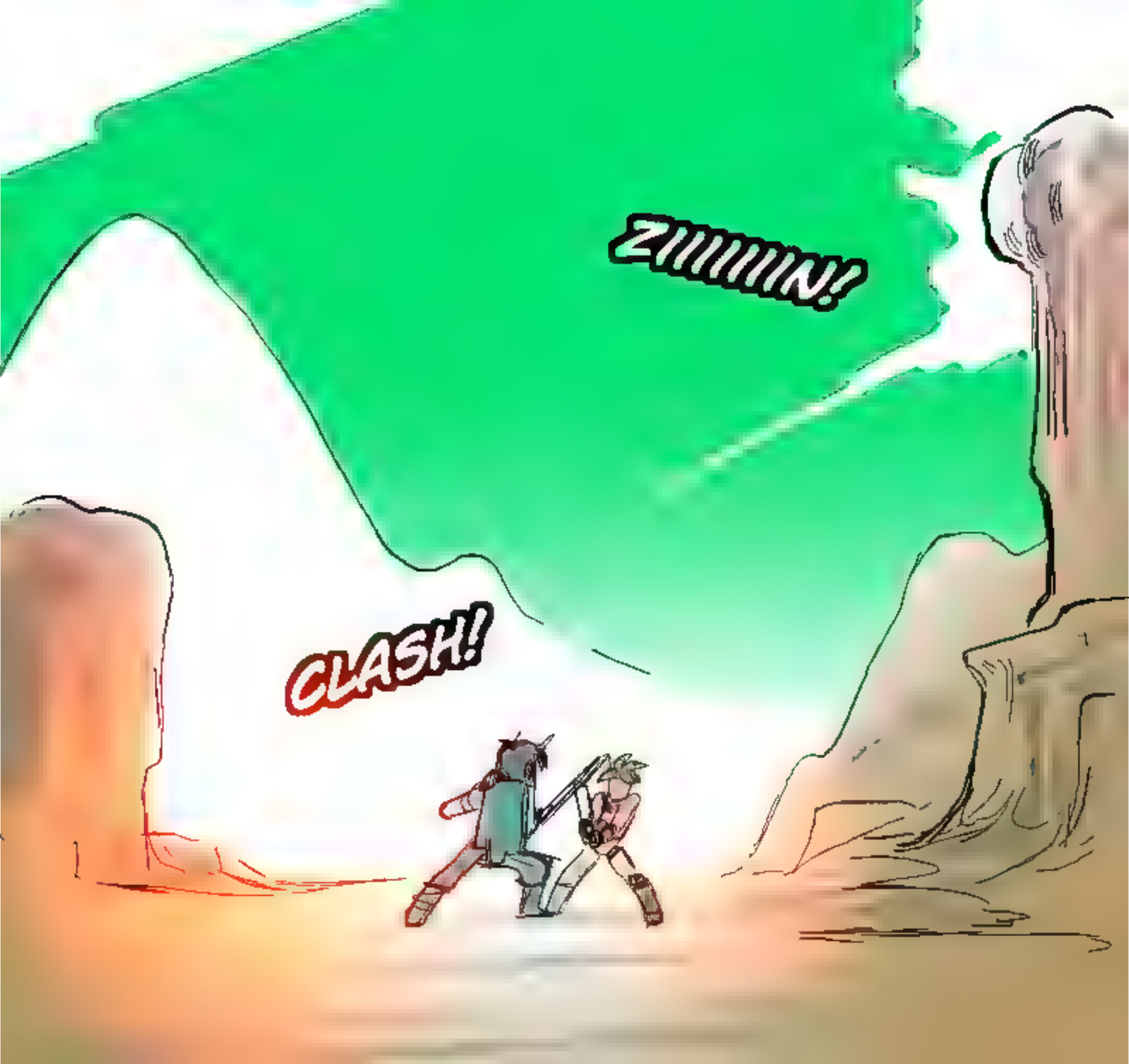
YOU HAVE TO USE EVERYTHING AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO WIN, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOUR ADVERSARY WILL DO TOO.

THAT WAS MUCH BETTER, THOUGH!

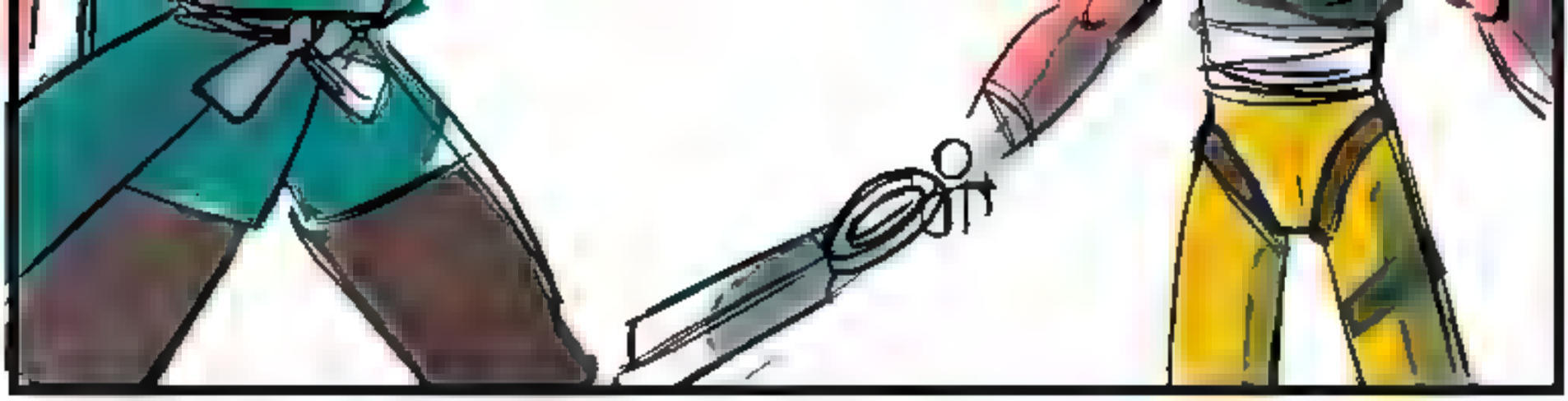
I WANT YOU TO REALLY TRY TO HIT ME THIS TIME. THERE MIGHT JUST BE SOMETHING IN IT FOR YOU!


SWING!
CLASH!
BLOCK!

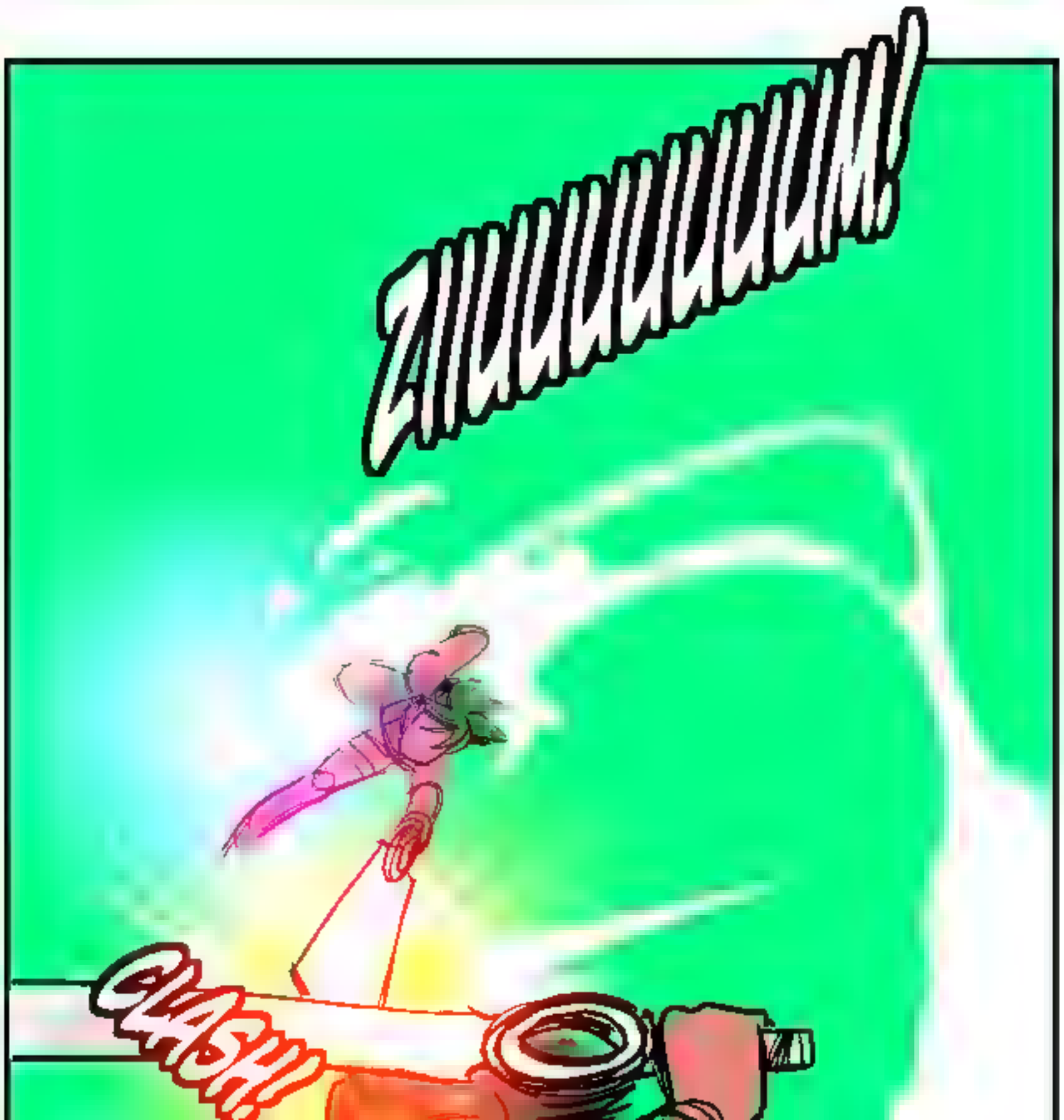
ZOOOMF
ZIIIIIIN!
THUD!

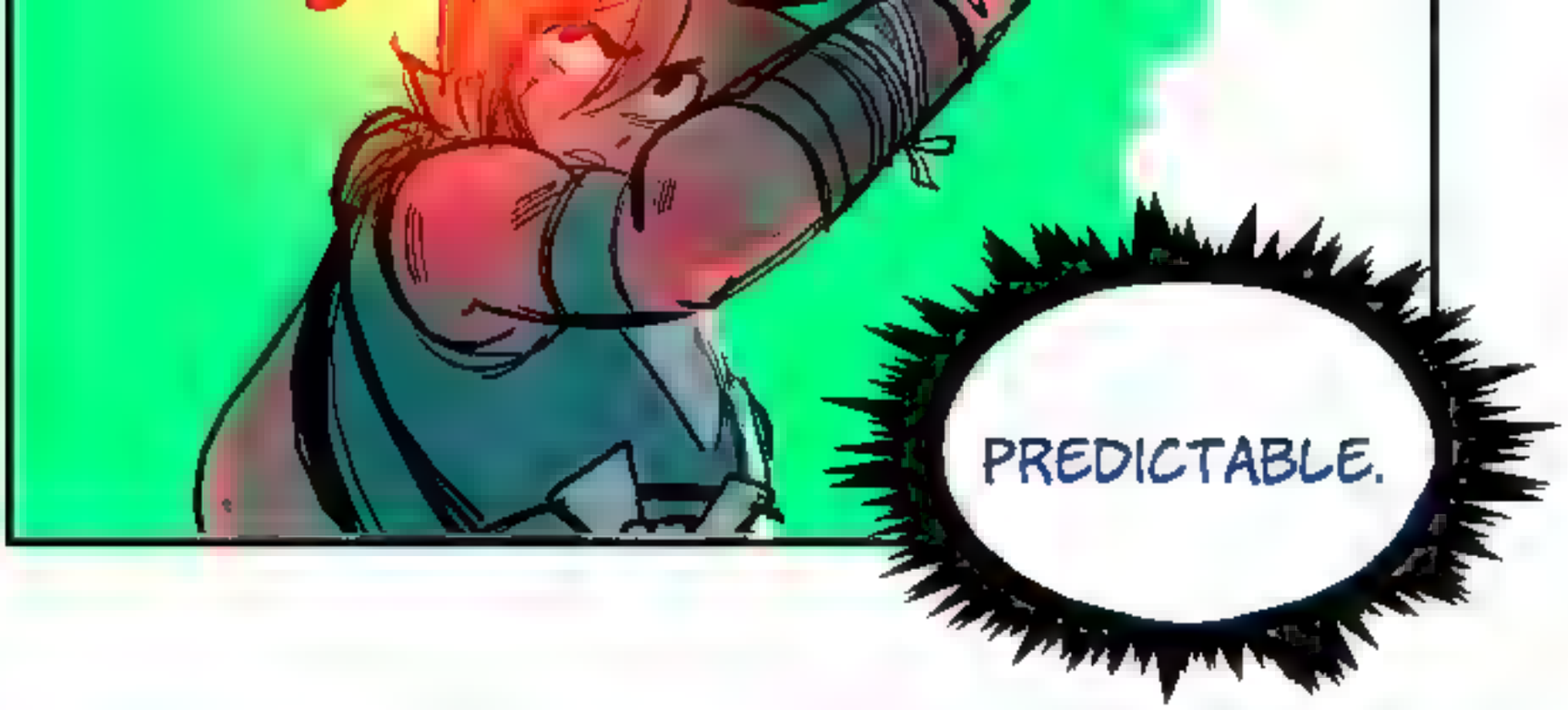

ZIIIIIIN!
CLASH!

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TRY HARDER THAN THAT. MY SWORD HAS MORE REACH THAN YOURS. THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HIT ME LIKE THIS.
ZUUUUN!

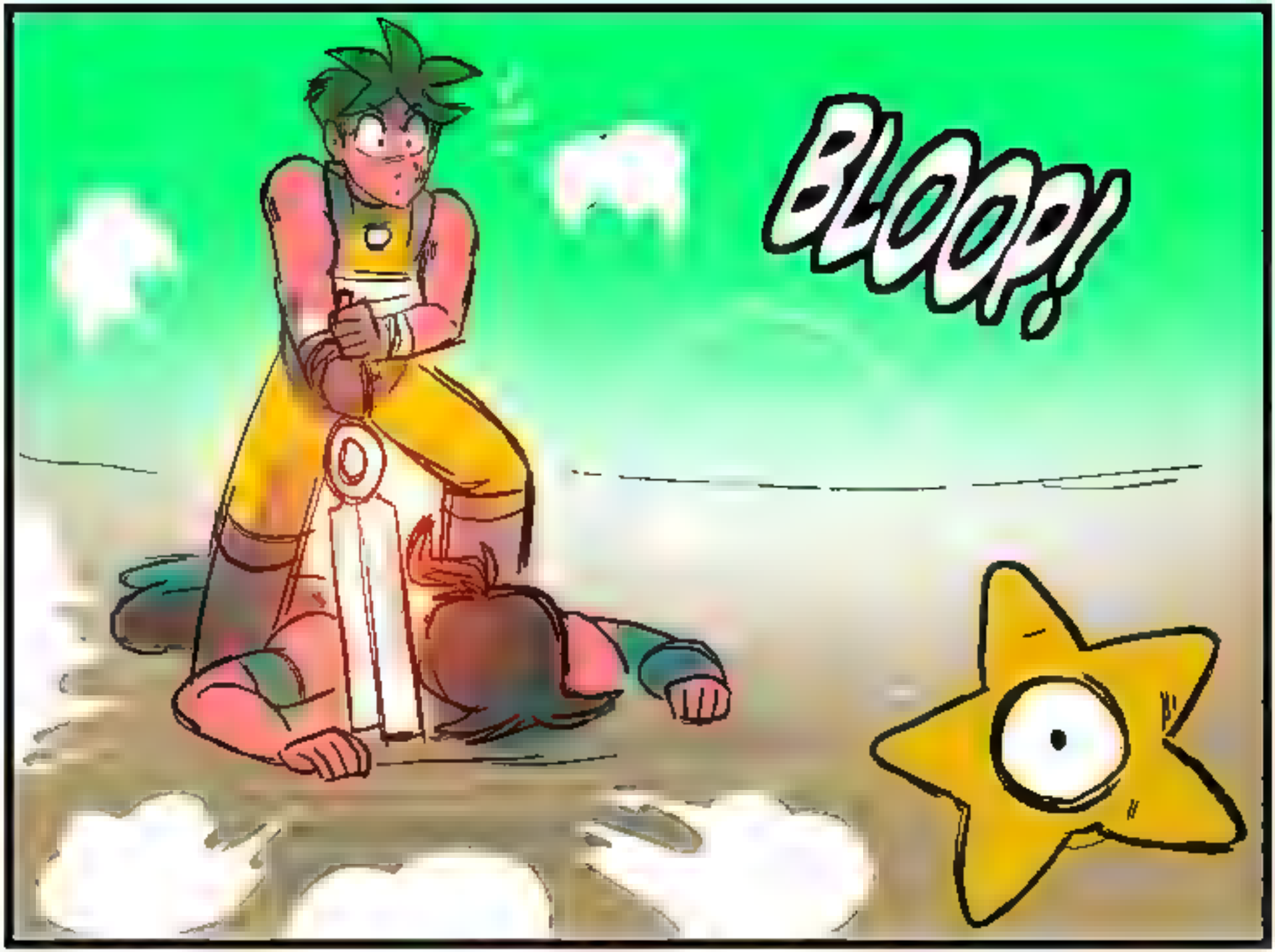


OOOOOOOMP!
TRYING THAT AGAIN?

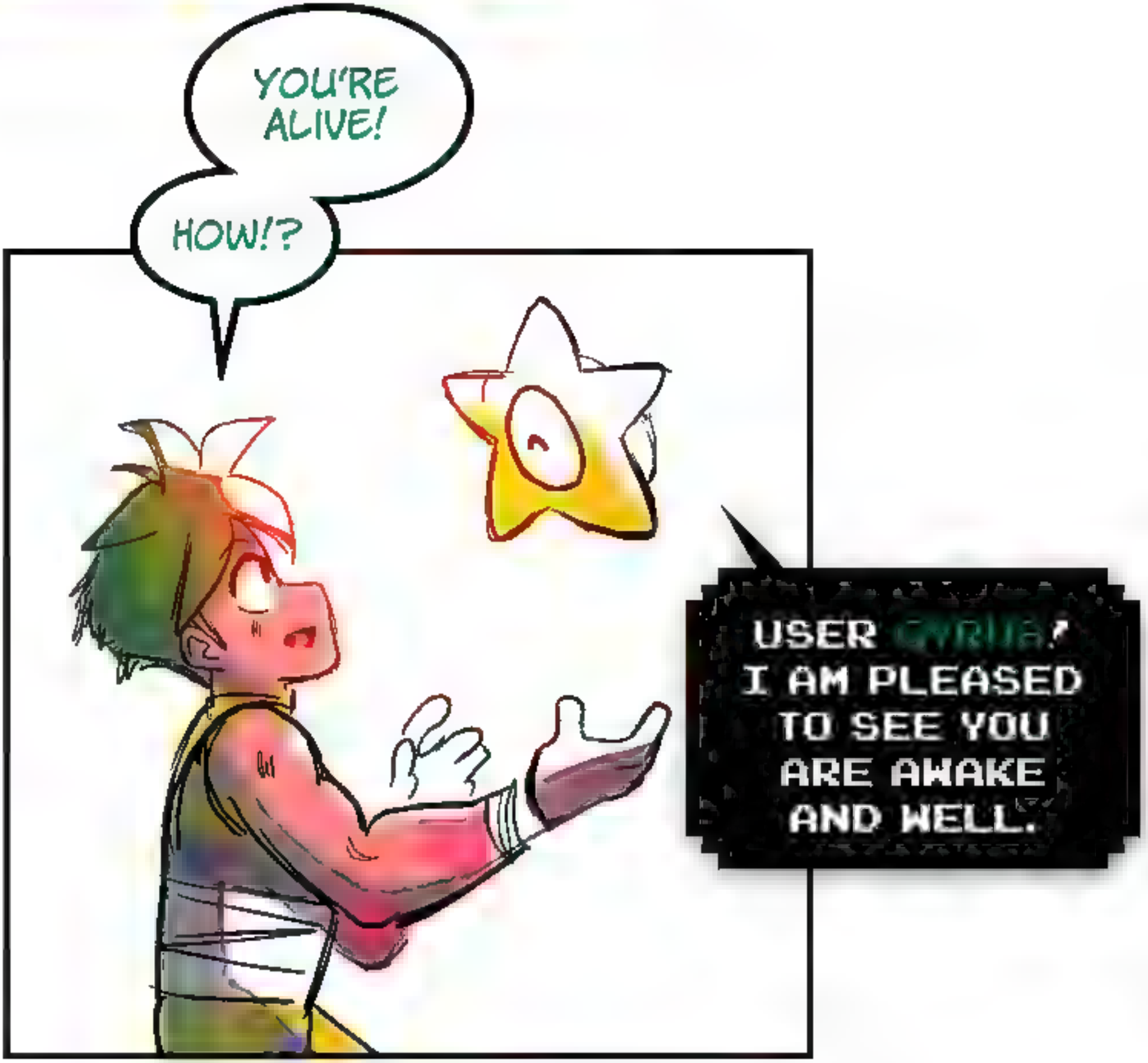

AHHHHHHH!
CRASH!

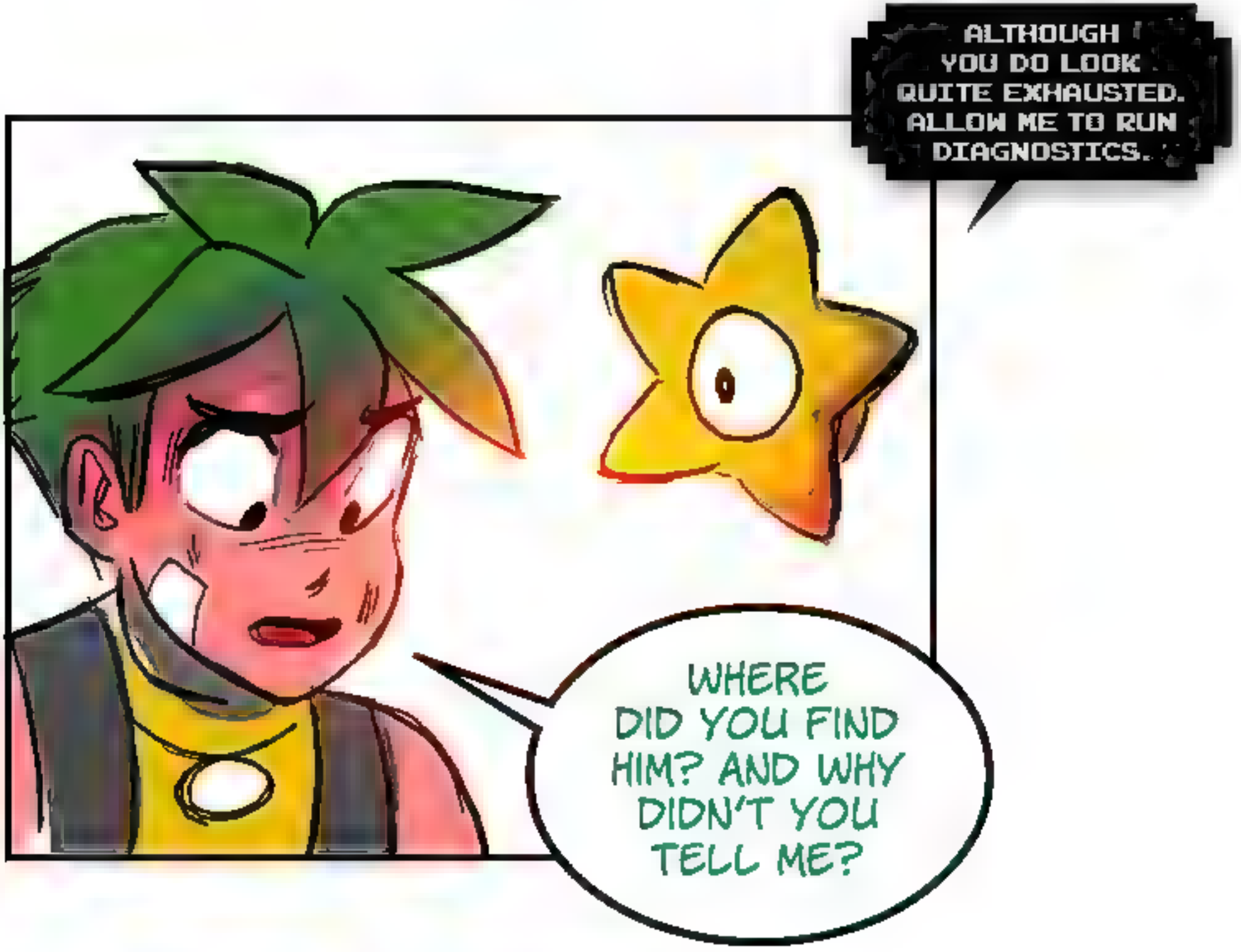

PREDICTABLE.

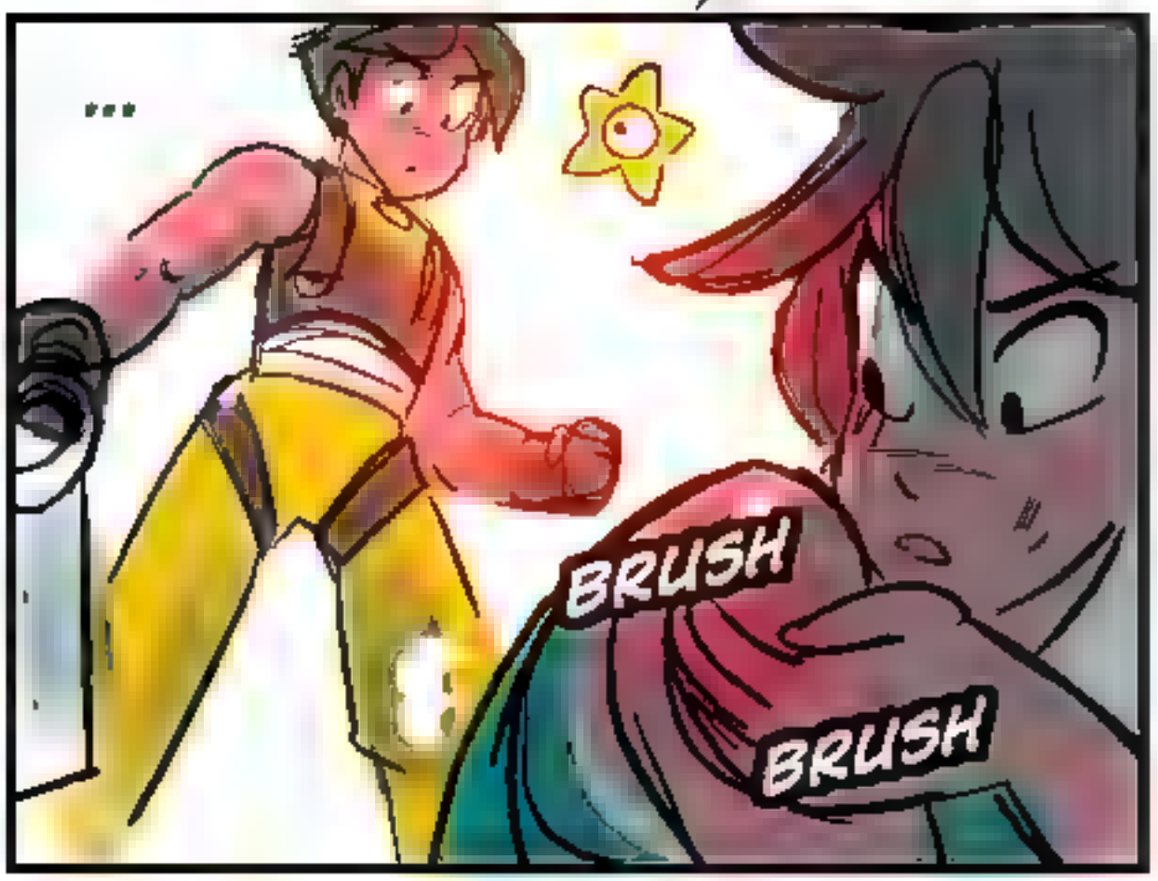
SLURP


BLOOP!

SCOUT!?

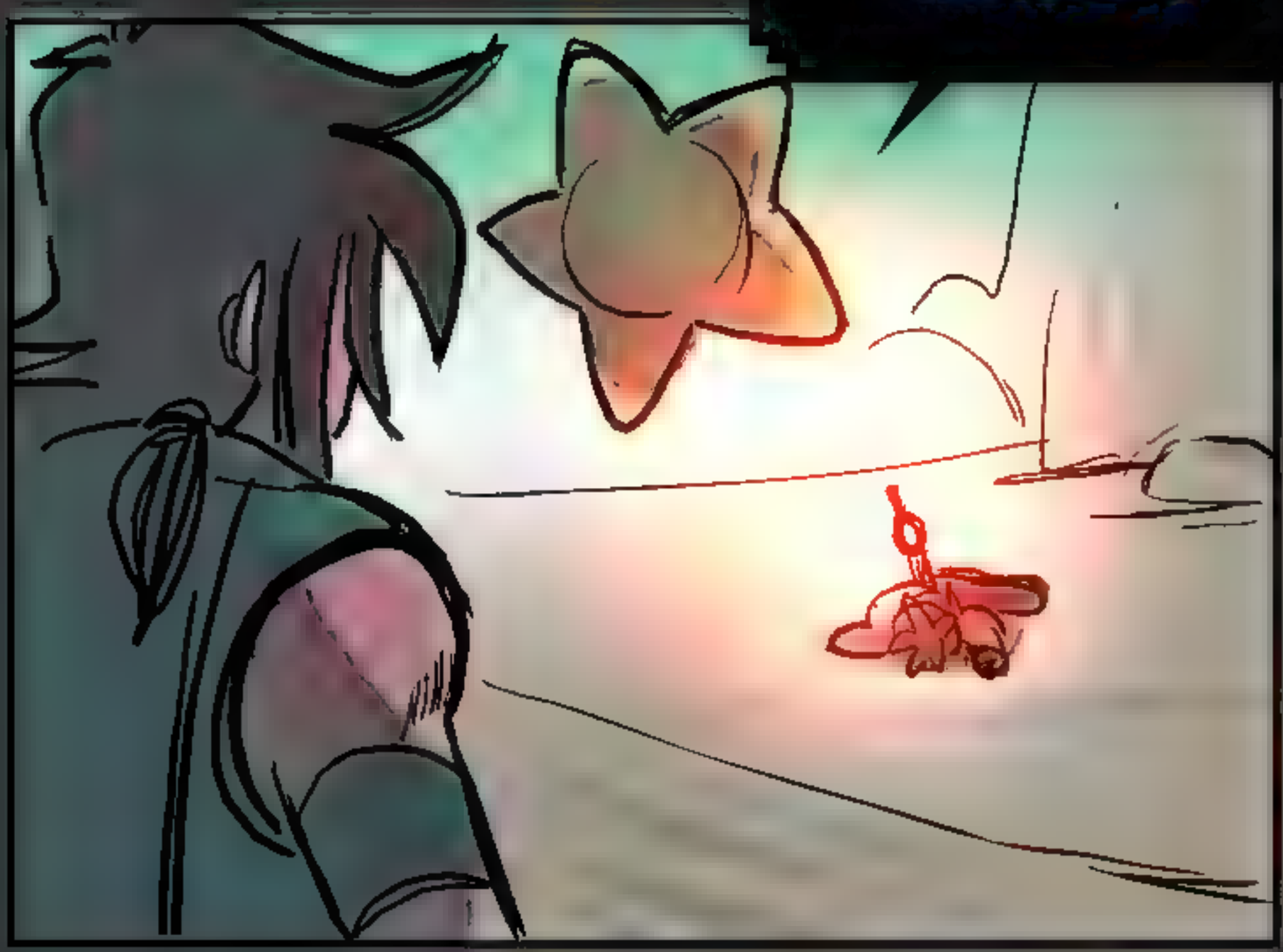

YOU'RE ALIVE!
HOW!?
USER [illegible]! I AM PLEASED TO SEE YOU ARE AWAKE AND WELL.


ALTHOUGH YOU DO LOOK QUITE EXHAUSTED. ALLOW ME TO RUN DIAGNOSTICS.
WHERE DID YOU FIND HIM? AND WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?



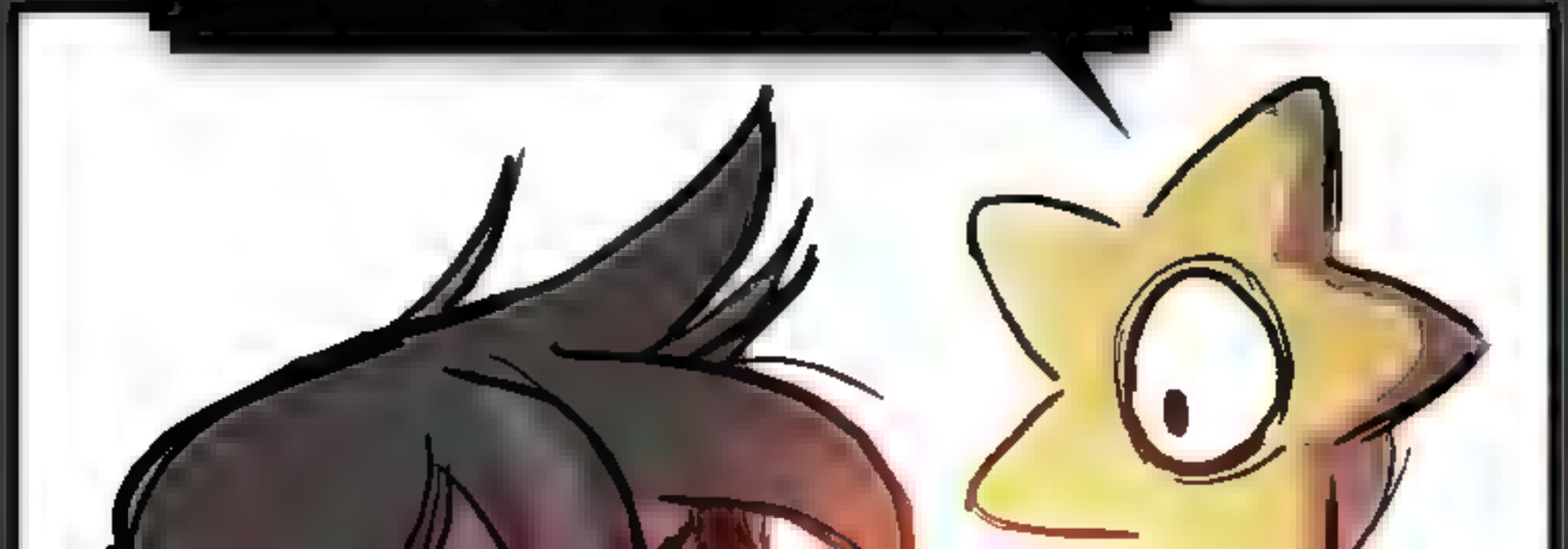
IT MUST HAVE BEEN RESET WHEN THE NEW VOYAGE BEGAN.

ACTUALLY, SCOUT FOUND *ME* WHILE I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU AND LEAD ME TO YOUR LOCATION.


THERE HE IS!
USER GYRUS NEEDS HELP! PLEASE PROVIDE MEDICAL AID, HUMAN TRAVELER!

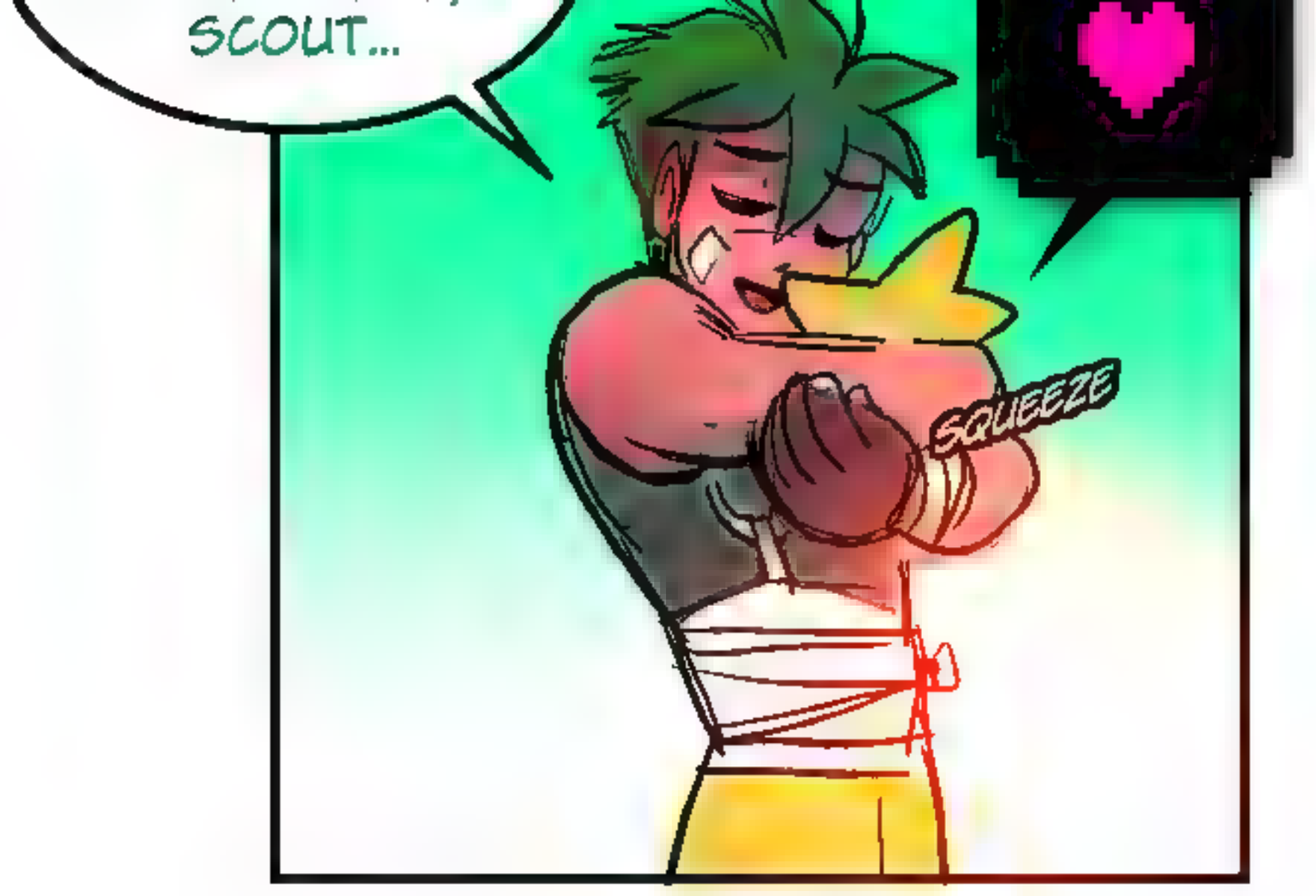
PLEASE BE EXPEDIENT, HUMAN TRAVELLER/ USER GYRUS'S VITALS ARE AT LIFE-THREATENING LEVELS.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ADMINISTER THE MEDICAL ATTENTION NEEDED, I HAVE SEVERAL FIELD MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAMS LOADED TO ASSIST YOU.



IT WAS A LITTLE TOO ANNOYING, THOUGH, SO I ENDED UP PUTTING IT IN STORAGE.

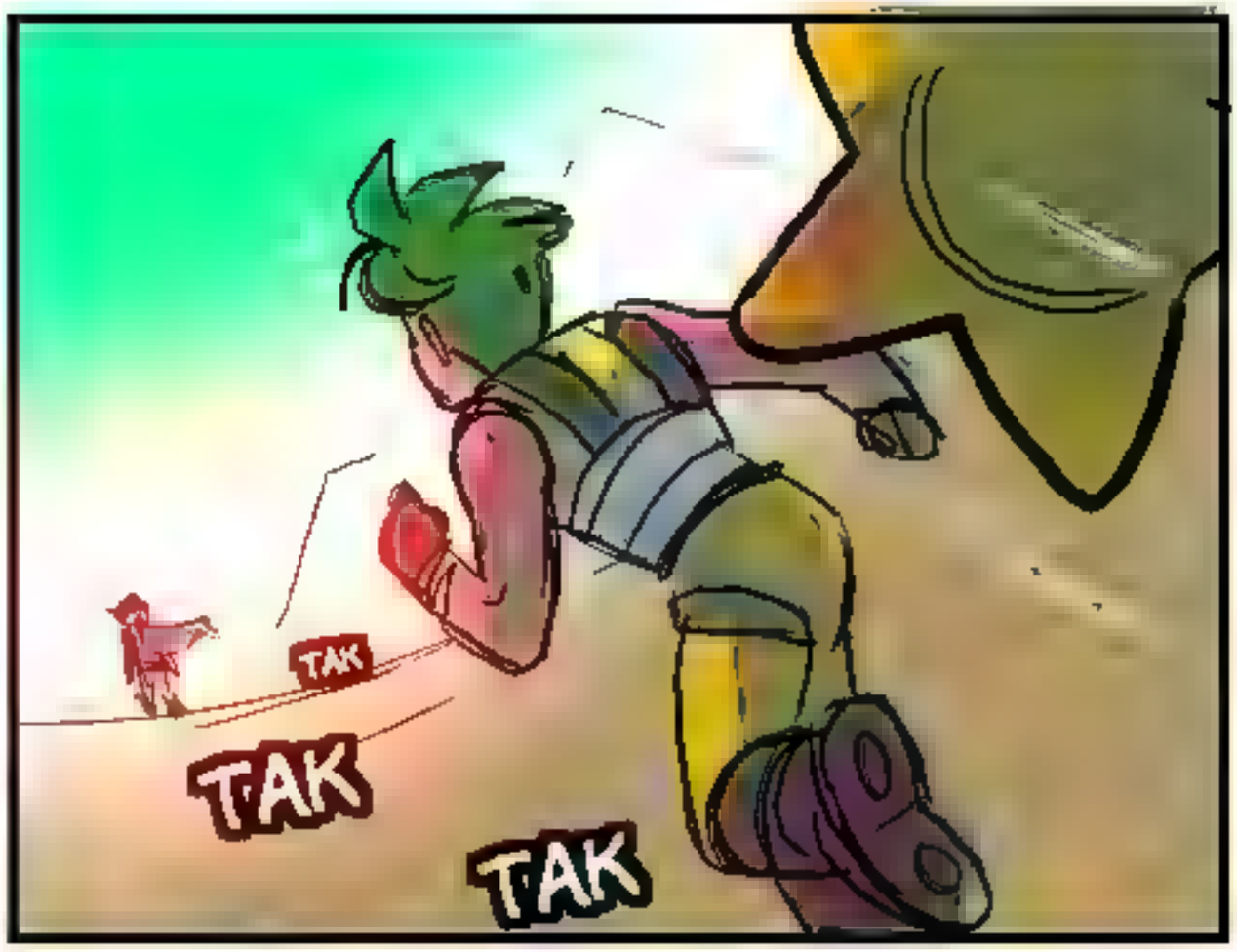
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD IT IS TO SEE YOU.


SCOUT...
SQUEEZE

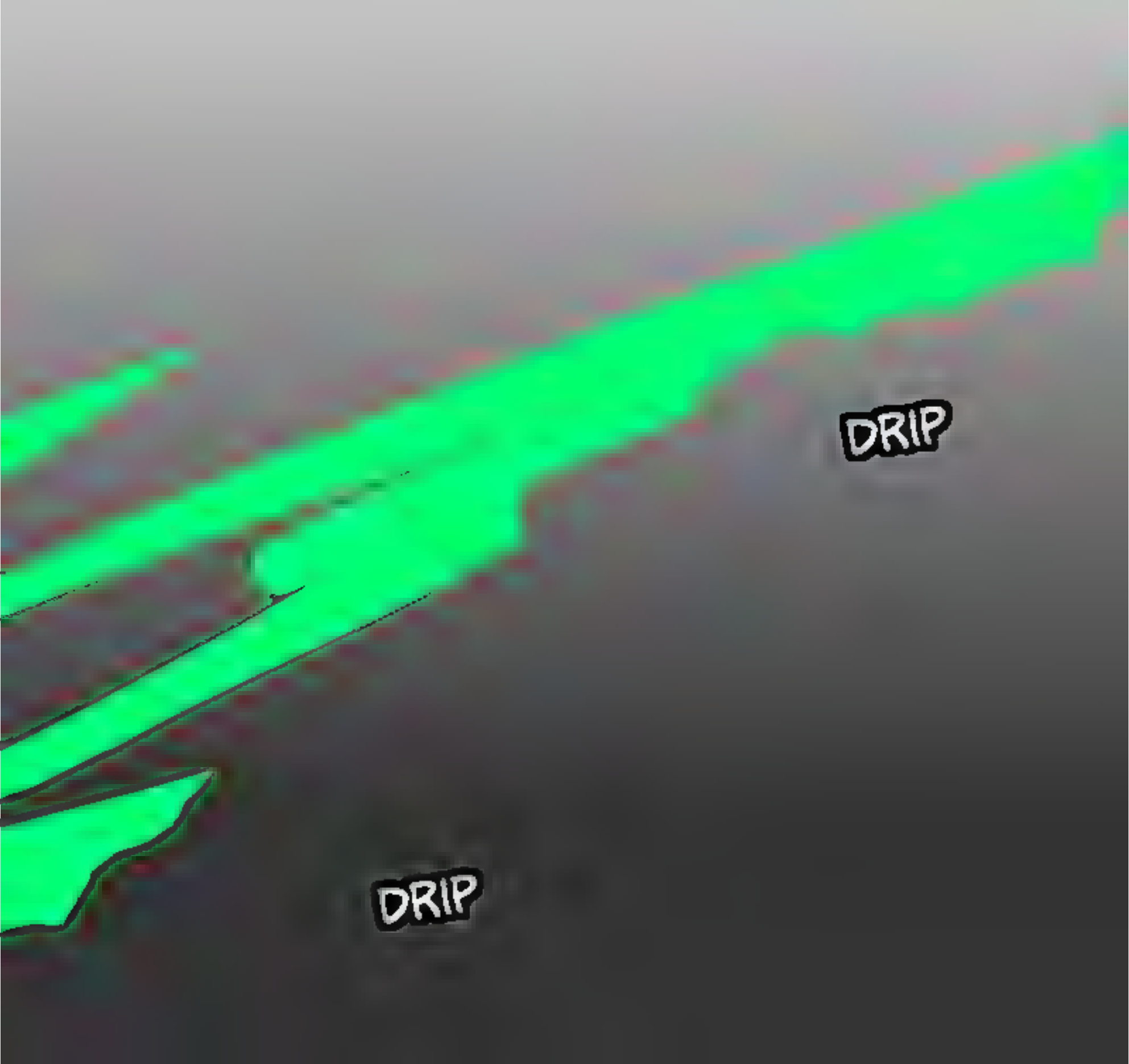
KODYA? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

ON TO THE NEXT STOP, KID. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF PRACTICING TO DO.

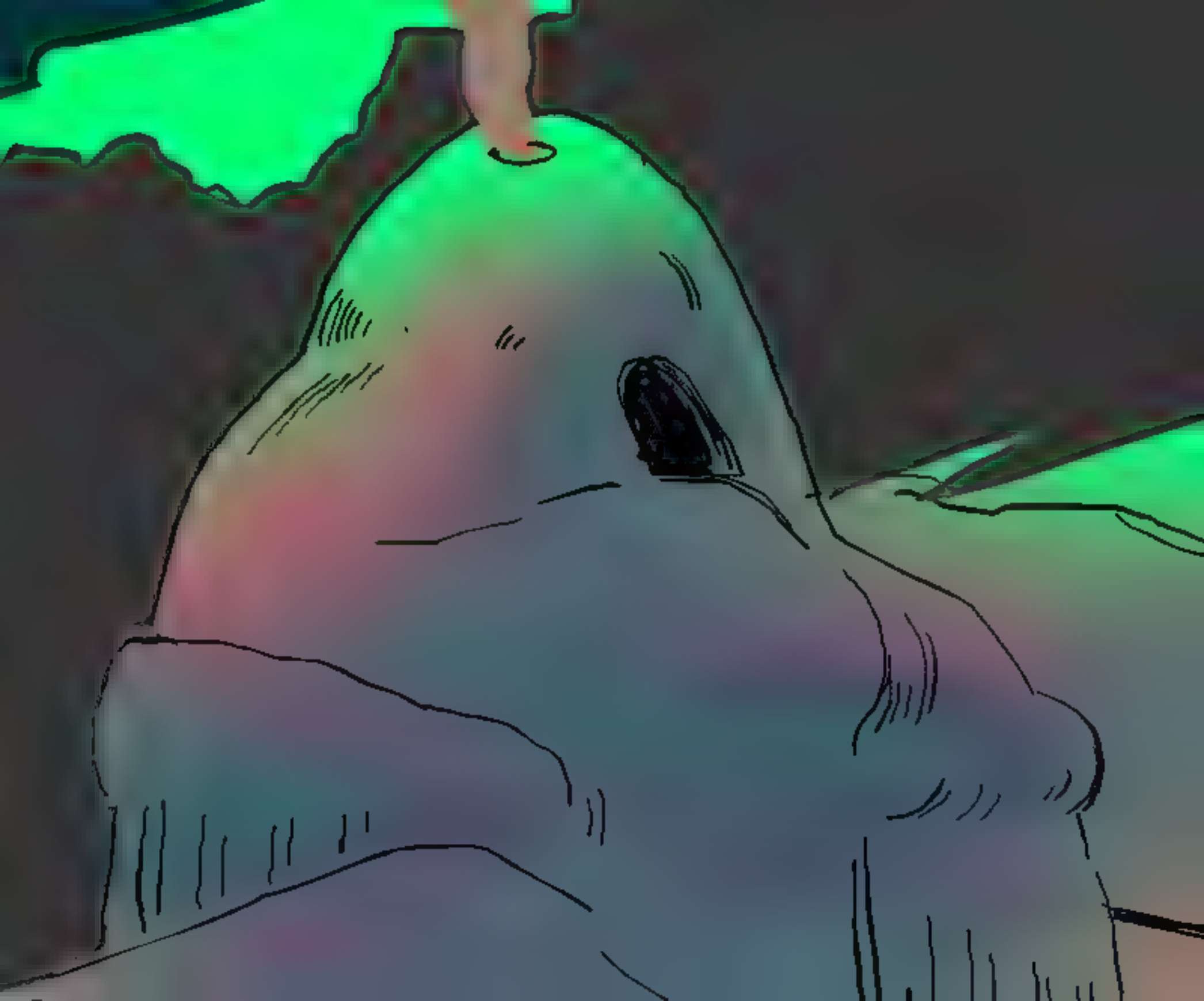
GLANCE

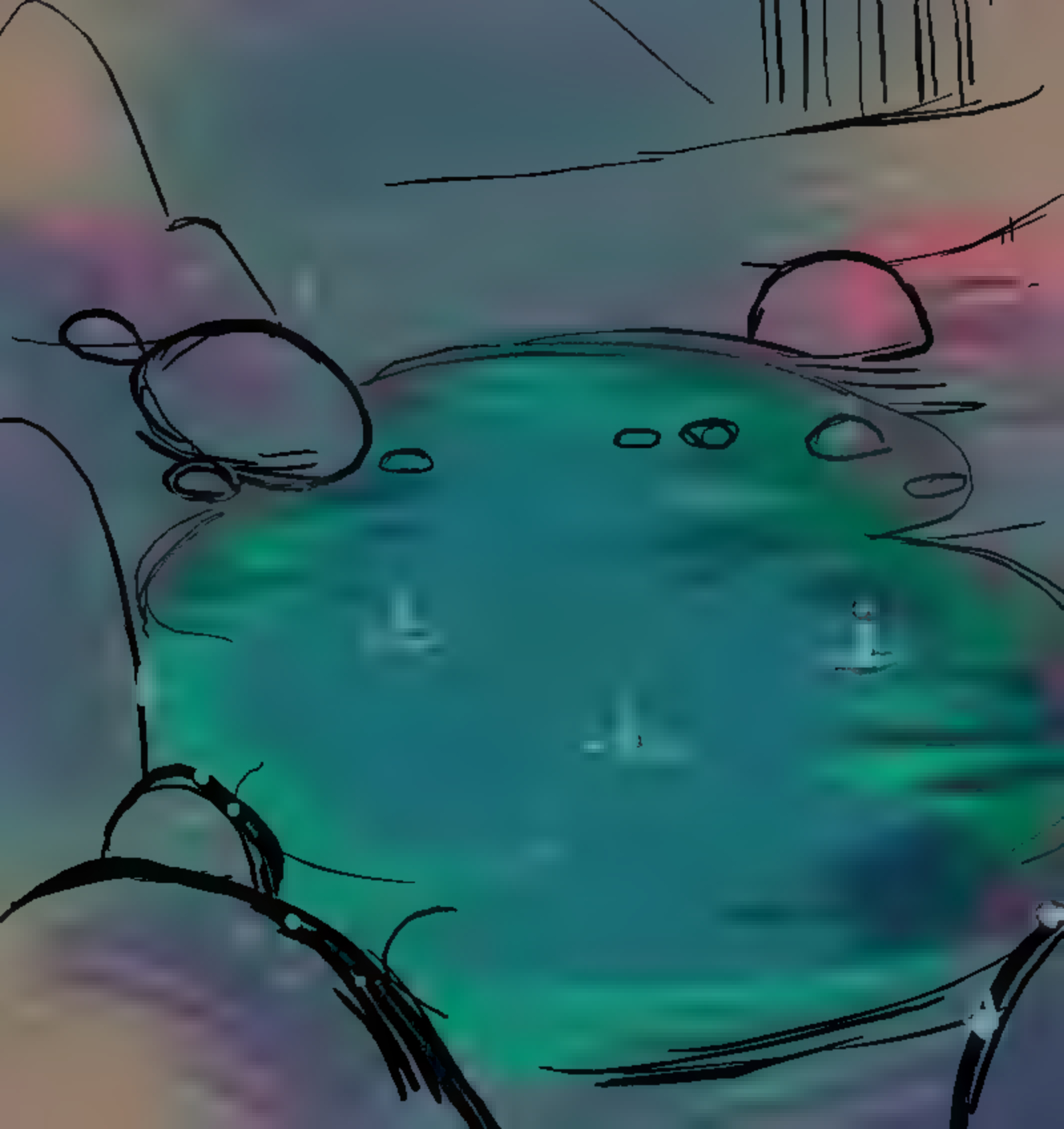

TAK
TAK
TAK

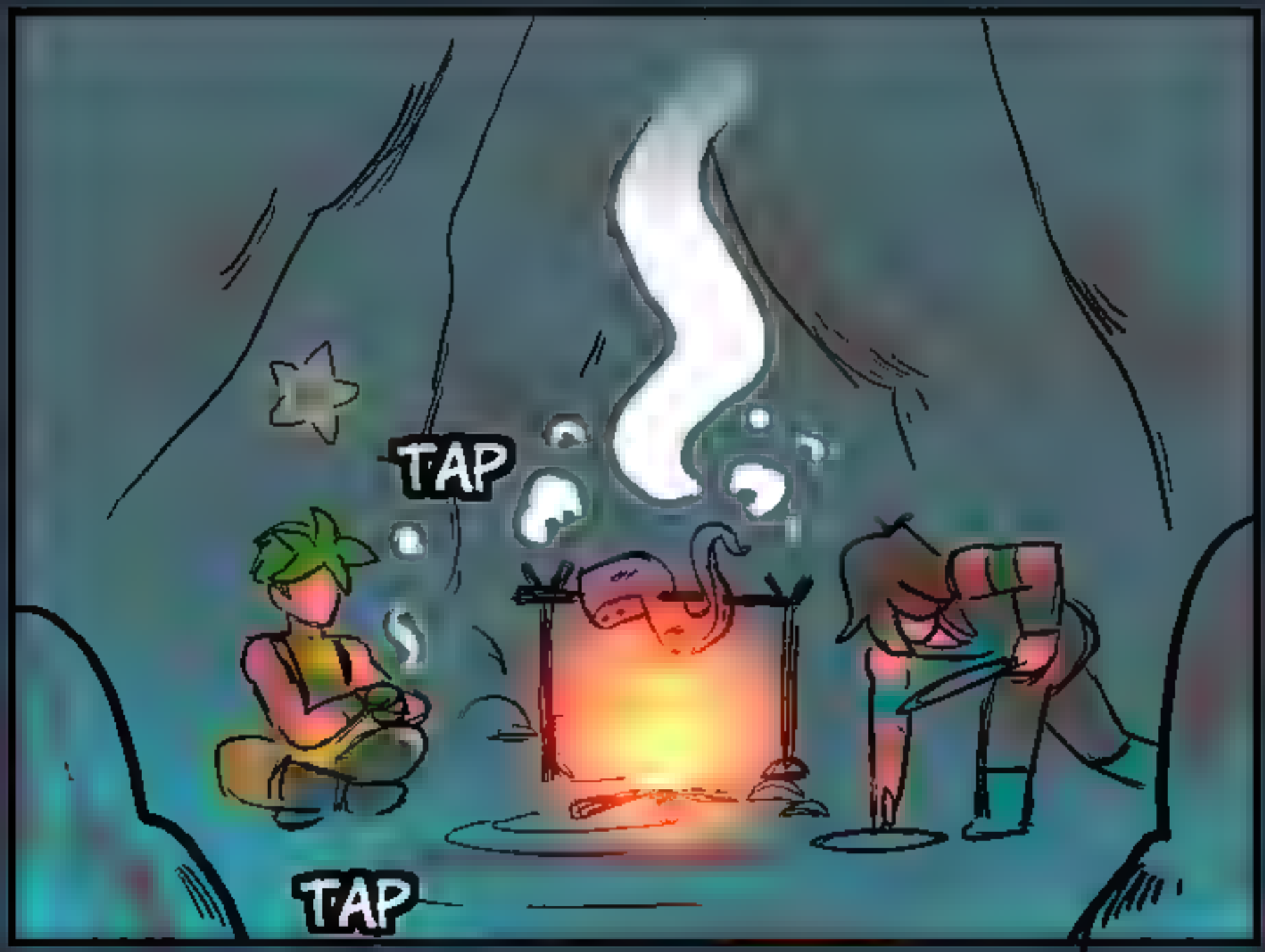
DRIP
DRIP


DRIP
DRIP

TSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS






TAP
TAP

TAP!
HOW IS THAT GOING? DID YOU GET IT SET TO THE FREQUENCY I GAVE YOU?

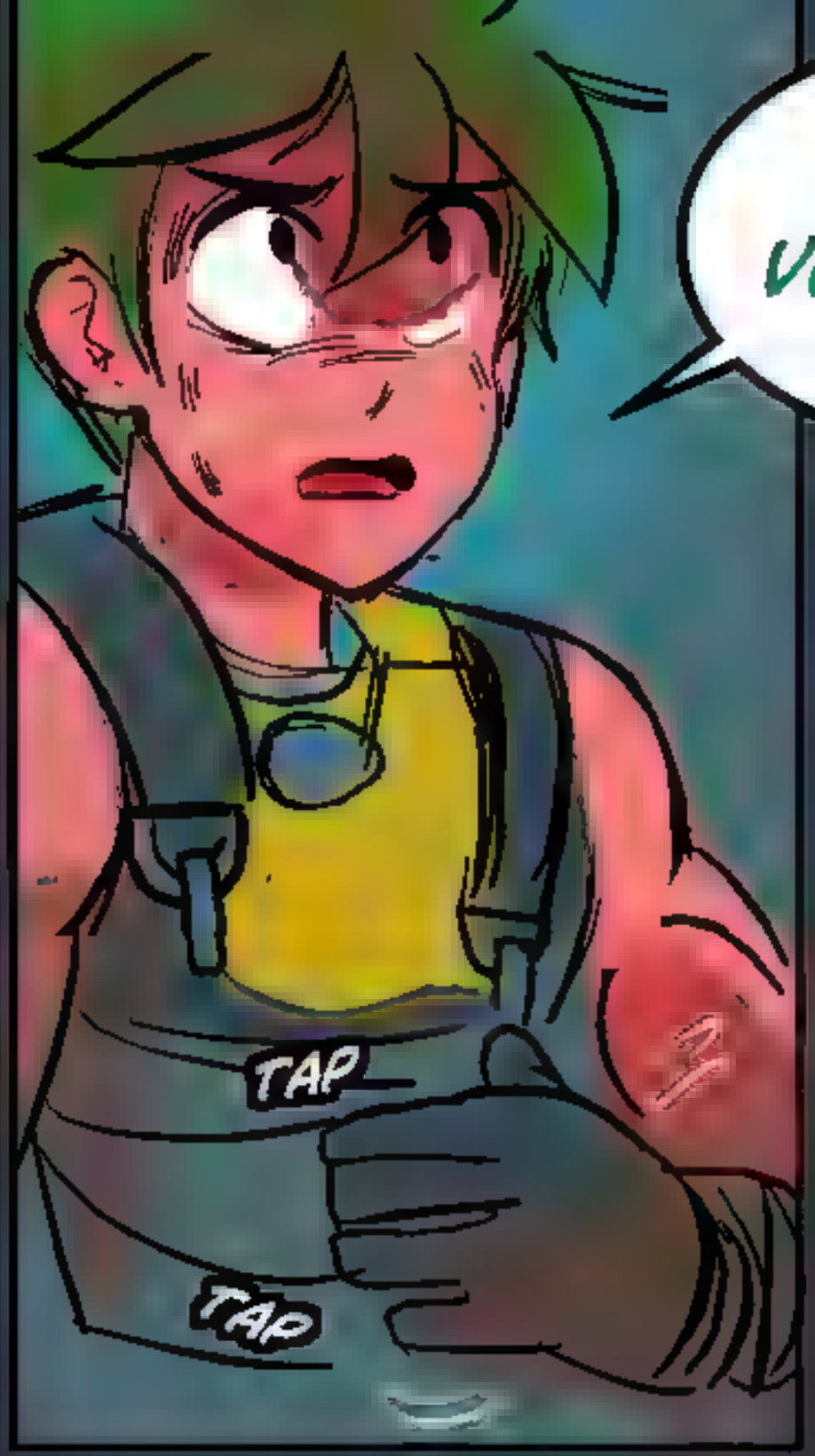
I THINK IT'S ALL SET... LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

KGHHHSSSHHH

SIGNAL
140.15
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING A STRONG ENOUGH SIGNAL... IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF THE STORM. LET ME SEE IF I CAN DO SOME MORE FINE TUNING...
SIGH
LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT IT FOR NOW...

DON AND THE OTHERS WILL JUST HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER FOR AN UPDATE. WE'LL TRY AGAIN LATER.
ZZZGHHHHHHSH

YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST BEFORE THE NEXT VOYAGE. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF TRAINING TO DO.

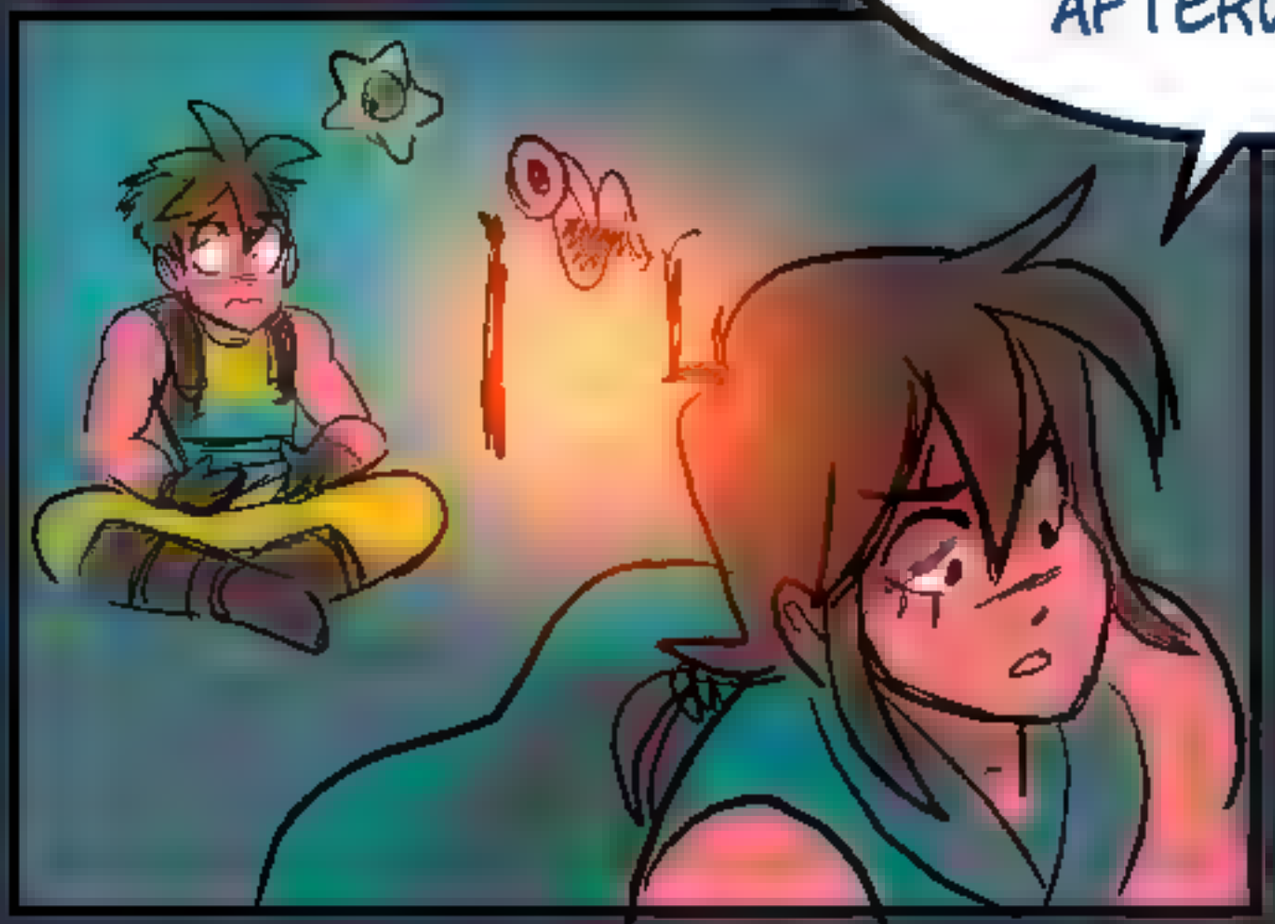


NEXT VOYAGE?

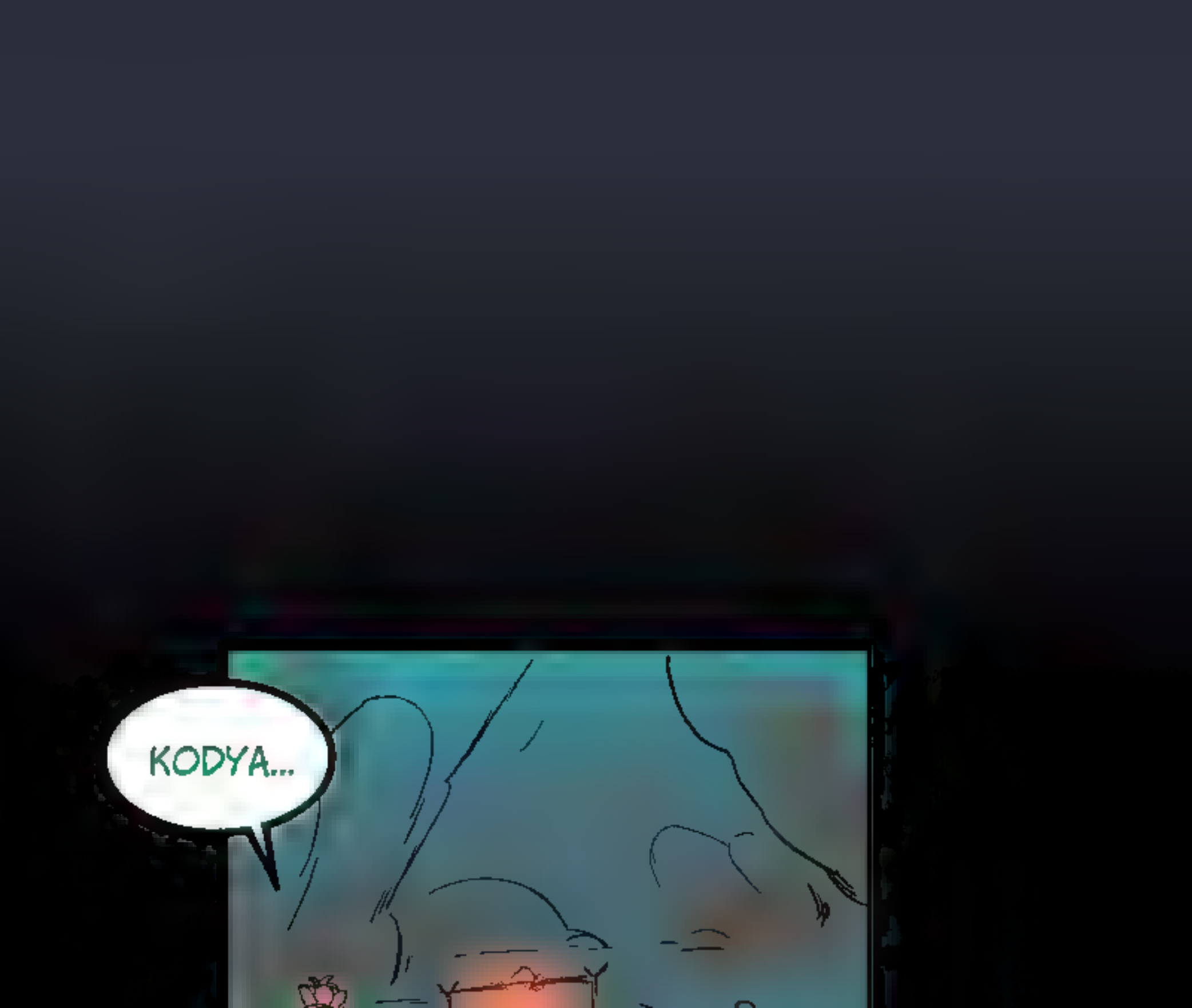
YOU MEAN....

DON'T WORRY, IT GETS EASIER... IT DOESN'T FEEL SO MUCH LIKE

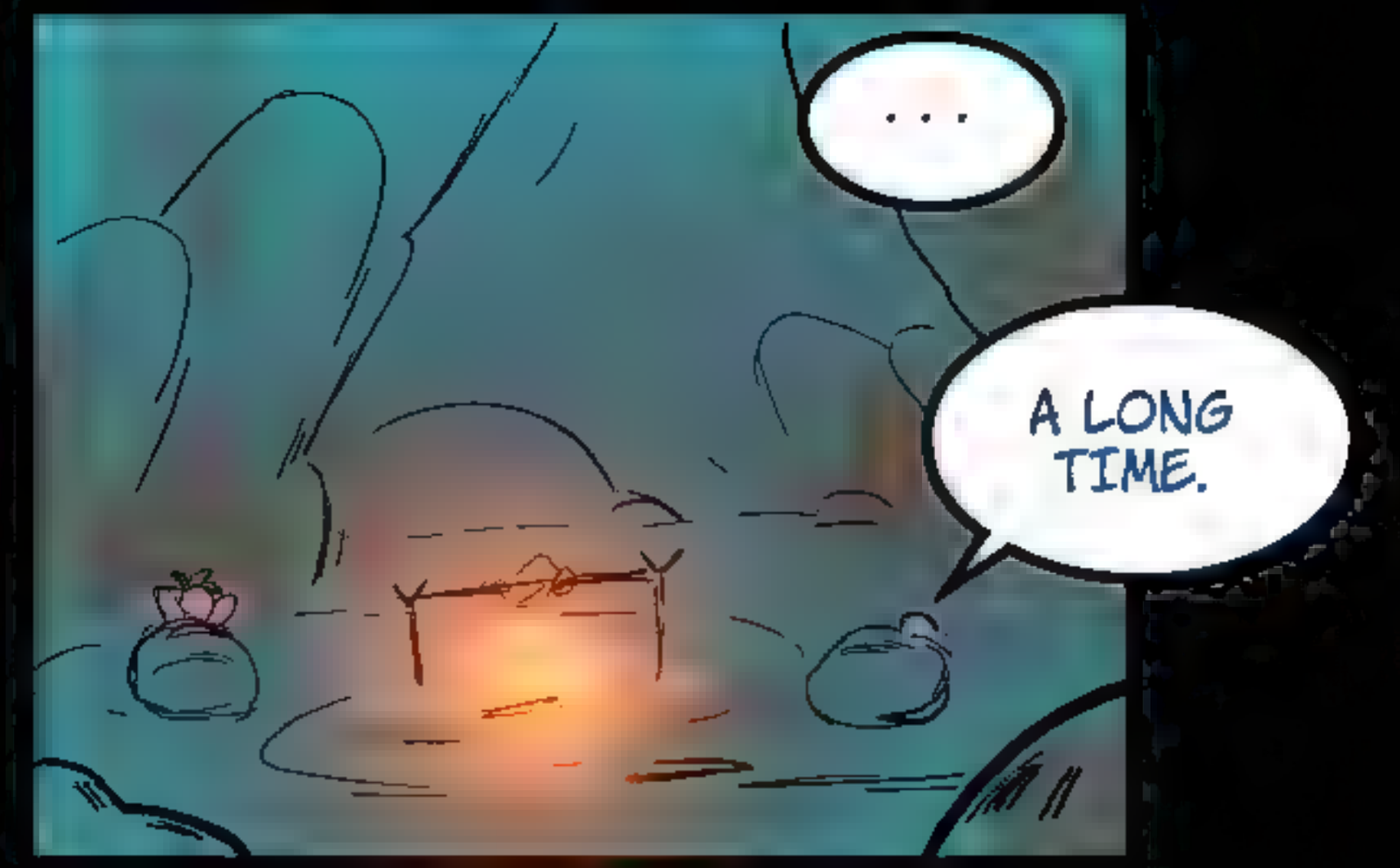
DYING ONCE YOU GET USED TO WAKING UP AFTERWARDS.



NOT THAT IT EVER HURTS ANY LESS...


KODYA...

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?


. . .
A LONG TIME.

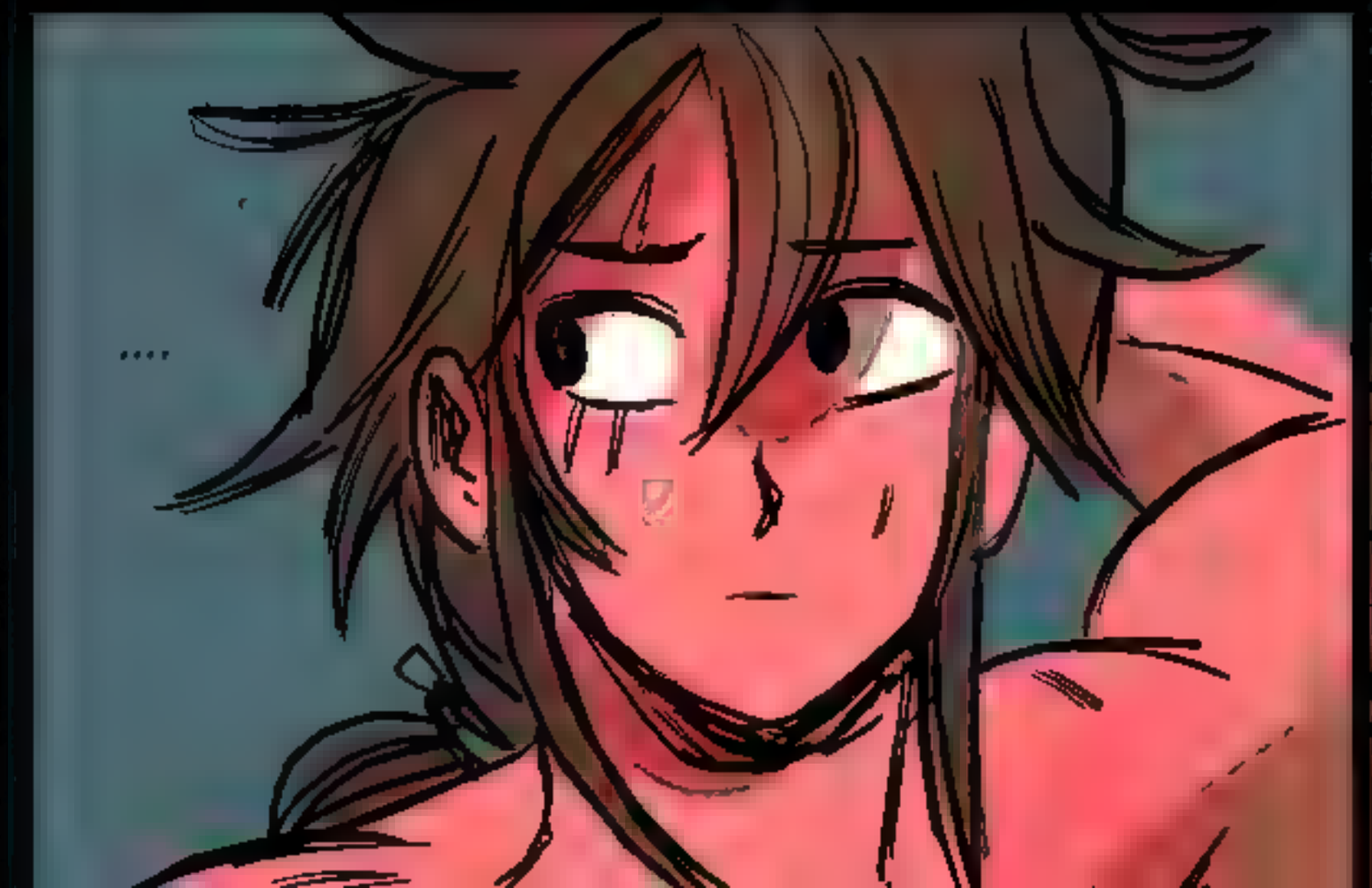
DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR HOME?
...OF COURSE I DO.

BEFORE I WOKE UP THIS TIME, I DREAMT THAT I WAS BACK ON MY SHIP.

IT FELT SO REAL...

JUST AS REAL AS BEING HERE.

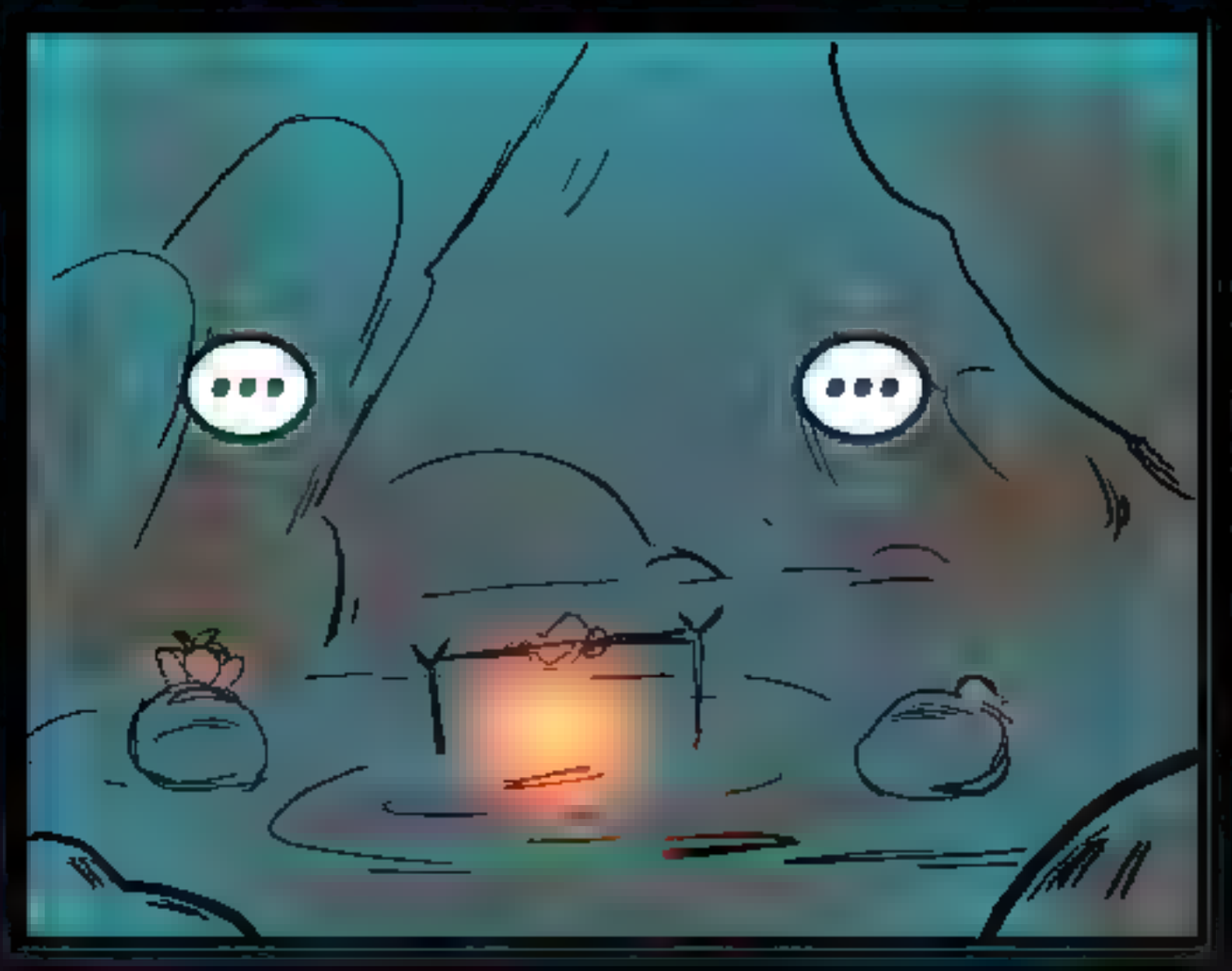
WITH EVERYTHING BEING SO STRANGE, HOW CAN YOU TELL WHAT'S A DREAM AND WHAT'S REALITY?

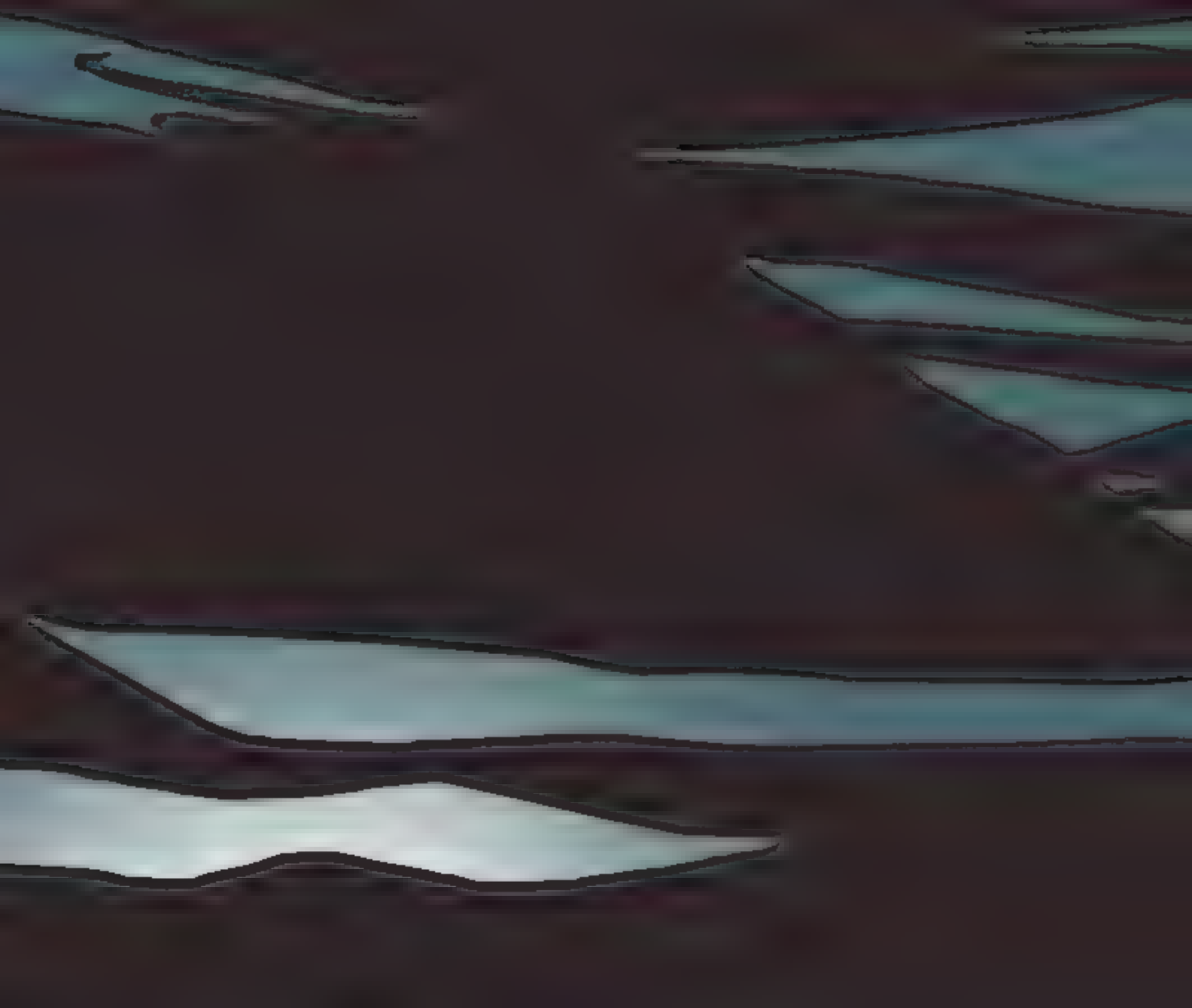


...MAYBE THEY'RE NOT SUCH DIFFERENT THINGS.

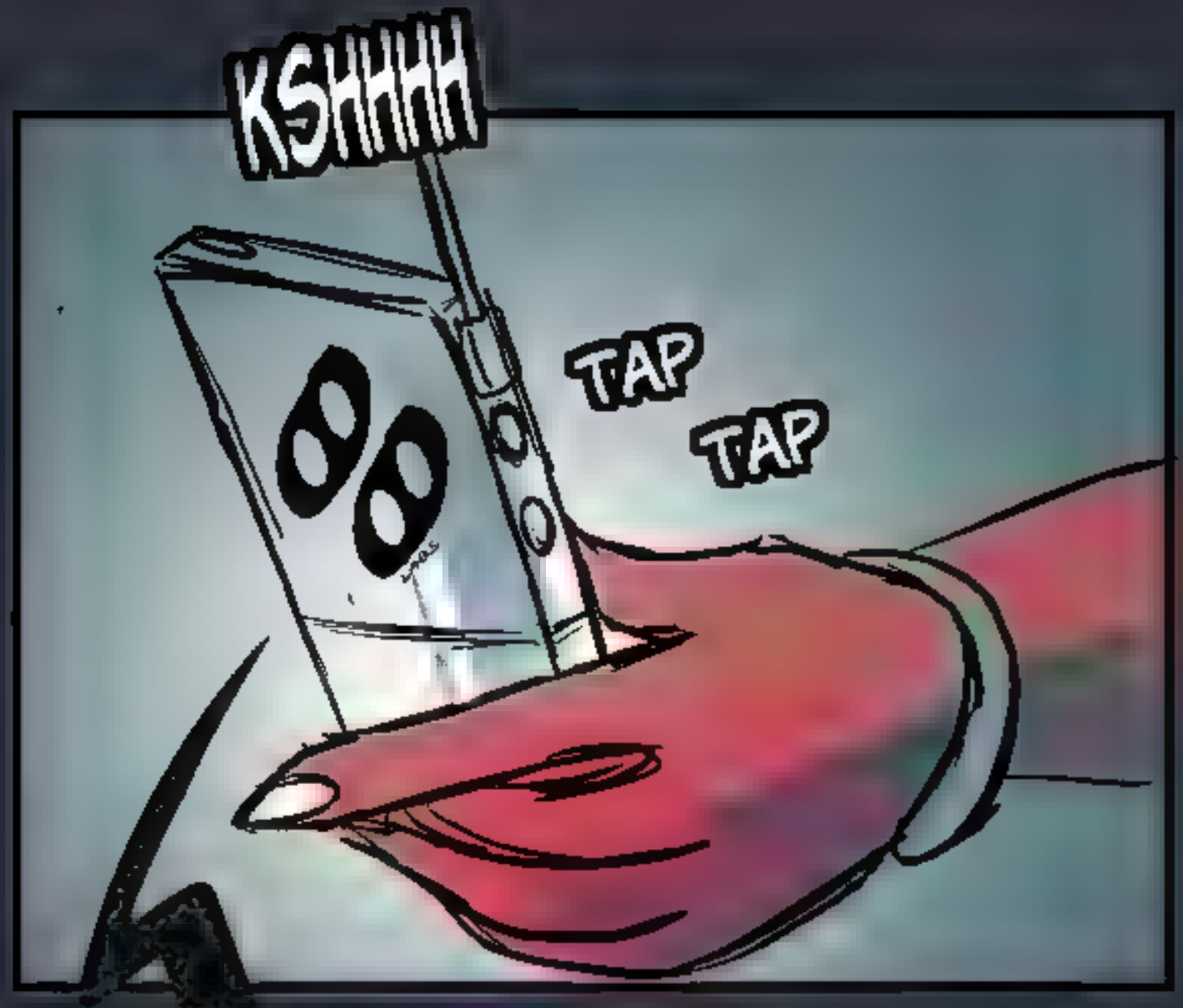
HMM...

GET SOME SLEEP, KID.
TURN





KGHHSHH!!


KSHHHH
TAP
TAP

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